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# EEC best for Britain and the world —Mr Wilson

he Prime Minister declared himself last night be firmly in favour of the EEC. Britain's con-ued membership, he told a Labour Party rally Cambridge, "is best for the future of Britain, st for the Commonwealth, best for Europe, st for the developing world, and best for the der world".

## Referendum 'gives the people sovereignty'

George Clark
tical Correspondent

his first important speech e the House of Commons oved the renegotiated terms Britain's membership of the opean Community, the e Minister said last night continued membership "is for the future of Britain, for the Commonwealth, for Europe, best for the eloping world, and best for wider world. . . ."

ddressing a Labour Party in Cambridge, he added: at the referendum means at *it is not enough for any* ician or political leader to what he believes. In this ne case, it must be for the try to decide what is best he mass of the people, and heir children."

a speech which pro-Euro-s will regard as one of the forthright declarations Mr on has made in favour of nued membership, he con-d that sovereignty, undeni-was a great issue. He d of the sovereignty of in, of Parliament, and of people, and added:

referendum means that in a vitally affecting sovereignty, ultimate sovereignty has been ed back through the ballot o the sovereign people. If their ict is "No", the Government committed to accepting their ion.

eir verdict is 'Yes', as the rnment recommends, then in's membership of the Com-ty takes on a new meaning. Conservatives succeeded only hing the establishment into darket. Given an affirmative the British people by the *ise of their own consent* will committed themselves to ipation on the new terms—roulgingly or half-heartedly, y their own decision.

means that industry, the s, the whole national com-y, *having had the right to* will accept the decision, and will mean their full coopera-n working to solve the great ms facing our own economy he world economy.

Wilson, like Mr Wedg-Benn, the Secretary of for Industry, the previous complained of ill ned comment on the endum by Conservative cians and the press.

are, of course, incapable of g beyond the next edition the next revolt. In spite of deep and unquestioning t compliment today, there moderation in their search ything in the situation which might be exploited so as to destroy the Labour Party.

He said he must contrast with that posture the approach of the Labour Party to the referendum campaign. He agreed that there were strongly held views in the party, but he *did not regret*, and would never regret, the decision that members of the Cabinet and the party *Administration and the party* should have the right of an agreement to differ from the clear majority decision of the Cabinet.

He believed that the Labour Party would emerge from the referendum stronger as a party because it had had the strength to allow a free expression of view.

Earlier in his speech the Prime Minister reminded his audience that the House of Commons had given authority by a big majority for the *national referendum*. He continued:

This is an historic moment. The Government have decided, following their pledge to the people, endorsed by the people in two general elections, that the final *decision will be taken by the people*. It is the future of all our people that is being decided.

In the 1960s both Conservative and Labour governments decided to apply for entry simply to find out whether, as a result of entering negotiations, we could get terms that were acceptable to us on all the issues involved: food supplies, food prices, industry, trade, employment, regional development, the right to go on trading with our Commonwealth partners, and the rights of developing nations, to share in the prosperity that Europe would help them secure.

In the 1970 general election, he added, the Conservative Party had said that its mandate was to negotiate, "no more, no less". It had had no mandate to enter the EEC. Indeed, they said there was no question of Britain entering the European Community without the full-hearted consent of the British people. That consent was manifestly never granted. It was never even sought. The decision was taken over the heads and behind the backs of the British people without their consent.

He said that the Labour *Government and his party, and* he himself, were being consistently blackguarded by the press and self-appointed spokesman of the establishment for the very fact that they were giving the British people the right to decide. That was regardless of

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## Insurance companies challenge new Bill

By Anthony Rowley
Financial Staff

Immediately after publication of the Government's controversial Policyholders Protection Bill *in the House of* Lords yesterday, the insurance industry declared its "strong opposition" to the proposed legislation.

Mr Aonghais Macdonald, chairman of the *British* Insurance Association, indicated that clauses of the Bill, particularly those relating to the proposed rescue of companies in difficulties, would be fought at every stage in its passage through Parliament.

The insurance industry expects the support of many Labour MPs as well as of the TUC General Council and a number of individual unions in *opposing parts of the Bill*. Lord Allen, general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, has written to Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, asking him to reconsider the whole principle of statutory policyholder protection.

Commenting on the Bill at a press conference yesterday, Mr Shore claimed that it would not lead to higher insurance premiums. But in a joint statement afterwards the British Insurance Association and the *life associations claimed that* the costs of rescuing policyholders or companies must be reflected in premiums.

Mr Shore called the Bill a "most important advance in the field of consumer protection, affecting the most important means of saving in this country"—through insurance policies. It was complementary to the growing supervision the Government was already exercising over insurance companies in an endeavour to see that they did not "behave irresponsibly" in the future.

The background to the Bill was the "Government's desire to meet the justifiable public concern that fairer and more effective arrangements should be set up for the protection of policyholders in the event of insurance companies going into *liquidation*."

Despite encouragement from the Government, the insurance *industry had been unable to* agree on a satisfactory non-statutory scheme. A statutory scheme was the only means of restoring public confidence in the industry, he claimed.

A five-member statutory body, to be called the Policyholders' Protection Board, would be set up with majority representation from the insurance industry, though

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## Woman killed in street shooting

Miss Penny Gray, aged 32, was fatally shot in Provost Road, Hampstead, London, yesterday. She was walking to work as a clerk at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, when she was fired at from a car. She was taken to hospital but died soon afterwards.

Police said that they had known threats had been made against Miss Gray but she had not been under police protection. A man was being interviewed by police last night.

## Sour Congress reaction to plea for more Saigon aid

From Fred Emery
Washington, April 11

Rejection and incredulity dominate Congressional reactions to President Ford's urgent appeal last night for $1,000m (about £400m) and emergency authority, in effect, to negotiate or fight America's way out of South Vietnam for the last time.

Mr Ford asked for quick action with a Congressional answer by April 19, but today neither the House of Representatives nor the Senate bothered to sit. His main point was to avert "deeper disaster", a nightmare that he did not sketch out. However, the worst case envisaged at high level here would be Americans fighting off both communist and non-communist Vietnamese in the final collapse.

In fact, it was confirmed at high level last night that the reduction of the 6,000 Americans in Vietnam has already begun—with caution being observed not to precipitate a collapse of morale among the South Vietnamese.

What is hoped for at best is a negotiation with the communists that might provide some political settlement. No hope is held out for Saigon's military resistance. During that negotiation it is hoped that there would be a breathing space to organize a mass evacuation.

Also foreseen is a negotiation with the South Vietnamese Government to ensure the orderliness of an evacuation of up to 200,000 Vietnamese to whom the Americans feel a special rather than an ordinary *obligation. The latter are estimated* to be at least 1,500,000 people, but this is stated to be beyond American capabilities to "extract". Most of the Vietnamese evacuees will be resettled here.

In the event that neither process proves orderly, Mr Ford wants new authority to use American troops and air power to protect both the American and South Vietnamese he will then seek to evacuate.

The Administration believes that under the 1973 law—prohibiting in, over or off Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia, any American combat activities—it does possess residual constitutional authority to engage in hostilities to protect American lives. But it accepts it may not *do the same for foreigners*.

Given the sensitivity of the circumstances, it is seeking both an assertion that it may order troops in for rescuing Americans, and an explicit revision of the law—with limitations of time and purpose stated—to rescue the Vietnamese. Congressional reaction on this second point is exceedingly wary.

The widespread interpretation of commentators, briefed by high officials, that Mr Ford is engaging in a charade by asking for the impossible is tempered by the knowledge that he has to act with extreme caution to rescue as much as possible from the disaster.

It is conceded by those officials that the $722m requested *in military aid was chosen only* because it was recommended by General Frederick Weyand, *the Army* Chief of Staff, who visited Vietnam recently, and because Saigon knew he would do so.

Hence its advocacy is meant to encourage Saigon psychologically. It is also insisted that Mr Ford is speaking to many audiences at once and must avoid making the situation worse.

For all that, the reaction by Congress was sour, except that agreement emerged that humanitarian aid would have to be sent.

Mr Ford asked for a first instalment of $250m.

"Oh, it's dead", said Senator Henry Jackson, the presi*dential contender, of the arms* request.

"Simply not acceptable", *said Senator Lloyd Bentsen*, another Democratic presidential hopeful.

A *veteran* hawk, Senator John McClellan, chairman of the appropriations committee, rebuffed Mr Ford.

"Further military aid could merely prolong the conflict and, perhaps, postpone briefly the inevitable", he said. A prominent dove, Senator Frank Church, jeered that the equip*ment would merely* end in the hands of the communists. One thought emerging here is that a forcefully unified Vietnam Army is going to be one of the most strongly equipped in Asia.

Those supporting the President were an apparently reluctant Senator Hugh Scott, the minority leader, who said: "I am supporting whatever he can get", and the handful of real *hawks. Senator James Buckley* asked whether the South Vietnamese would be given their chance, and Senator John Tower backed the full Ford request. Congressman John Rhodes, the Republican minority leader, suggested that the arms had to be sent even if they might be lost to the *communists*.

Negotiations with the communists are, somewhat surprisingly, thought here to be "probable", although no details are available.

In his address, Mr Ford reiterated his wish to cooperate with Congress. Reaction to that is divided. Senator Birch Bayh said Mr Ford only asked for something Congress would have to reject in order to be able to say it was all Congress's fault, but Mr Philip Burton, chairman of the Democratic caucus in the House, did not agree that the President was trying to make a *scapegoat of Congress*.

Battle near Saigon and partial text of Ford speech, page 4



People in the provincial capital of Xuan Loc fleeing yesterday from fires and shellfire as North and South Vietnamese troops fought for the town, one of the outer bastions of Saigon, the South Vietnam capital. Report, page 4.

## Two Conservatives on memoirs committee

*By Our Political Staff*

Two Conservatives are included in the seven-man committee of privy councillors on ministerial memoirs.

The chairman of the committee, which has been set up by the Prime Minister, is Lord Radcliffe, who has been a member of a number of constitutional and government inquiries in the past decade, including the committee which Mr Wilson instituted in 1967 into the *Daily Express* and D notices.

The two *Conservative* privy councillors are Mr Francis Pym, opposition spokesman on *agriculture, and Lord Windlesham*, a former junior minister for Northern Ireland, who is the author of *Communication and Political Power*.

Other members of the committee are: Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead, Lord Franks, Lord Shackleton, Mr Michael Stewart, MP, a former Labour Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

Mr Stewart figures in a not entirely favourable light in the diaries of the late Richard Crossman, the detailed publication of which in *The Sunday Times* is a principal reason for setting up the committee.

Mr Wilson also announced yesterday in a parliamentary written reply the terms of reference of the committee. They are:

To consider the principles which should govern the publication by former ministers of memoirs and other works relating their experience as ministers, and the arrangements which should be made to give effect to those principles; to consider whether and to what extent rules can effectively be imposed; to examine the implications of these arrangements for the rules governing the publication of similar works by former members of the public services; and to make recommendations.

## Portuguese parties resign power to military for up to five years

From Nicholas Ashford
Lisbon, April 11

Portugal's main political parties today acknowledged formally that the country's armed forces will remain in power for the next three to five years. In a ceremony at the presidential Belém Palace representatives from six political parties signed a *constitutional agreement*, prepared by the Armed Forces Movement, which gives *almost total power to the 28* officers in the Supreme Revolutionary Council.

*The signatories were* Dr Mario Soares (Socialist Party), Senhor Alvaro Cunhal (Communist Party), Dr Freitas do Amaral (Centre Democratic Social Party), Dr Sá Borges (Popular Democratic Party), Dr Pereira de Moura (Portuguese Democratic Movement) and Dr Manuel Serra (Popular Socialist Front).

Five small ultra-left parties refused to sign, including the Movement of the Socialist Left, which had been expected originally to approve the document. The Popular Monarchist Party also did not sign, not because it disagreed with the pact, *but because it did not want to* align itself with the other signatories.

*The parties' surrender to the* military was presided over by President Costa Gomes and took place in the presence of the Supreme Revolutionary Council. President Costa Gomes said that the three to five-year transitional period was necessary to educate the Portuguese into the meaning and responsibilities of democracy.

Many sections of the population had not yet experienced "the creative forces that democracy gives", he said. "Conversely we have small minori*ties which are drunk with free*dom."

Reactionary forces were still trying to undermine Portugal's progress towards democracy. The transitional period was necessary "to bring the situation under control and to ensure the development of a legiti*mate revolution*".

The constitutional document virtually eliminates civilians from *any decision-taking role* during the transitional period and makes almost meaningless the elections for a constituent assembly due to take place on April 25.

The parties other than the Communists, who had no objections, persuaded the military to make only 12 minor amendments to the original draft.

It is not clear what will happen to the parties which failed to sign at today's ceremony. Some observers felt the armed forces might suspend them from *taking part in the elections*.

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## African nations tighten ueeze on Vorster regime

re talks between black a and South Africa on heid and other issues, were uled out yesterday by the g declaration of the *nization of African Unity* nerial conference in Dar es m. But the 41 nations esented at the conference ed to prepare for armed ict by guerrillas and er economic measures ist the Vorster regime.

The declaration reaffirms the determination of the OAU to achieve majority rule in *Rhodesia*, to end the South African occupation of Namibia (formerly South-West Africa) and to create a non-racial society in South Africa. The declaration made it clear that the goals in South Africa remain and that South Africa cannot buy peace by negotiating away Rhodesia and Namibia.

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## ilding societies and Government ree on mortgage controls

ling societies and the Gov-ent have formalized their gements for introducing ditative controls on home . There has been increasing era that the big upsurge vestment in the societies—h net receipts were a record £274m—coupled with the pent-up demand for loans could trigger another round of house price increases. The societies will now arrange their lending policies so as to encourage housebuilders, but limiting them so that the housing market does not overheat

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## onehouse asylum plea discussed

appeal for asylum made to ritius by Mr John Stone-e, the runaway MP, ugh his daughter, Jane, was ssed by the island's net yesterday. Miss Stone-e, who had flown to ritius with a man friend r an assumed name, had h with its Minister of Health, who is a family friend. The Minister, Sir Harold Walter, said afterwards that he did not think Mr Stonehouse would get a fair trial in Britain. The final decision, however, rests with Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius.

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## conomic strategy bewilders MPs

the Budget nearly ready, from both sides yesterday d fundamental questions t government economic egy. A select committee rting on the public expendi-White Paper found it ningless, and Treasury pro-ons for eliminating the nce of payments deficit alistic.

It doubted the likelihood of a 10 per cent annual increase in exports being achieved, and could not see how that target and the White Paper's assumed 3½ per cent rise in output were to be achieved simultaneously. Treasury officials, the committee found, were gagged on the question of import controls.

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## Cigarette advertising curb

A code for tighter controls over cigarette advertising is likely to be approved by the Department of Health and Social Security soon. It is expected to stop advertisements which suggest that smoking is connected with health, bravery, and sexual, business and social success. The Advertising Standards Authority would have the power to act as a watchdog. Smokers seen in *advertisements would have to* be more than 25 years of age and only half the people seen in a group could be shown smoking.

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## Downing Street denies vetoing £1,000m Middle East arms order

By David Wood
Political Editor

Reports that British firms have been offered Libyan arms contracts worth up to £1,000m have substantial truth, although they are exaggerated. Downing Street denies that Mr Wilson peremptorily dismissed *the potential orders from consideration*.

There has been no Government to Government proposal for Britain to supply arms to Libya; and no proposal has come before the Cabinet or any Cabinet committee. But a foreign "percentage" man, apparently a Libyan, has been active at Westminster and among munitions producers trying to arrange a deal that might be extremely valuable to Britain.

If there is a political storm about the Government's attitude on a Libyan arms deal, at a time when the Middle East is a powder keg, the issue will have to come before the Cabinet or one of its committees. But so far the proposal appears to belong more to the realm of public relations than of hard commerce. In general, overseas countries do not produce a list for arms supply running into hundreds of thousands of pounds; they start with a modest order and build up. To speak of a total order for £1,000m is therefore regarded by the Government as unrealistic, although the figure is not beyond the bounds of possibility.

A statement by the Government yesterday denied reports of a £1,000m order from Libya spurned on the Prime Minister's personal instructions.

It continued: "It is not true that the Prime Minister has intervened to stop the sale of arms to Libya, nor is it true that Sir Lester Suffield (the Defence Departments arms salesman) was personally ordered by Mr Wilson to tell the Libyans that the *supply of submarines* would present serious difficulties for HM Government. The decision was taken by the relevant departments in accordance with the policy announced by Mr Ennals (the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office), and the Prime Minister was at no time involved."

Our Defence Correspondent writes: The Government has already indicated that it would not grant export licences for 39 Jaguar low-level *strike aircraft, worth more* than £100m including spares, for the Libyan air force.

A similar negative is likely to the Libyan request for submarines for the Libyan navy *which the Arabs would* like from Vickers.

A statement from the Ministry of Defence said last night: "Our policy on arms sales to Libya is determined by our *policy on arms sales to the* Middle East and in the light of Libyan declarations of support *for various organizations*, including the IRA."

Lord Boothby last night released the text of two letters dealing with proposals to sell arms to Libya and Iran. One of them, from the Prime Minister, dated February 22, stated: "I have looked into both questions and am sure it would be wrong to indicate approval for the sale of submarines to Libya.

"I understand that the head of defence sales in the Ministry of Defence will be letting the Libyans know this and may indeed already have done so by the time you receive this letter."

The second letter, from Mr Roy Mason, The Defence Secretary, contained the sentence: "We have now told the Libyans of our decision and, without going into details, we have explained to them that we should see considerable difficulties in meeting their request. We have not however closed the door completely for the future."

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# MPs find White Paper on public spending 'meaningless' and Treasury targets unrealistic

By David Wood
Political Editor

As the Chancellor of the Exchequer puts the *finishing* touches to the Budget that he will bring into the Commons next Tuesday, members of a Commons select committee yesterday raised some fundamental questions.

Has the Government abandoned the policy of full employment? Is the Treasury muzzled in speaking about import controls because the Chancellor is likely to adopt the device to *bring the trading* accounts into balance?

A sub-committee of the public expenditure committee was reporting sceptically on the White Paper *Public Expenditure to* 1978-79 (Cmnd 5879). The members disagreed on party lines about what was politically wrong with the document, but agreed that it was meaningless. A senior Conservative MP commented: "Public expenditure White Papers are meaningless because they have to placate too many people".

The argument of the expenditure committee is that the Treasury projections for eliminating the balance of payments deficit are unrealistic.

To achieve the Treasury's stated target, the volume of exports would have to increase by an average of a tenth a year, and the committee "gravely doubt the likelihood of anything remotely approaching" that being achieved.

It accepts that the target could be achieved by reducing the growth in imports relative to the growth in output. But on import controls Treasury witnesses yesterday were gagged, and by an accident of timing, with a Budget imminent, Treasury ministers were in purdah and unable to give evidence.

"We cannot see how the Treasury's balance of payments target and the White Paper's assumed 3½ per cent rise in output can be achieved simultaneously", *the committee reported.* The former could be achieved at the expense of the latter, it said, but that would inevitably be accompanied by contraction *leading to unemployment* likely to be unacceptable.

The committee said the White Paper seemed inconsistent. It wondered how far the *public would tolerate* less real capital expenditure upon, for example, hospitals and schools.

Members of the committee from both sides of the House developed their scepticism about the White Paper at a press conference in the Commons *yesterday.*

Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Luton, West, argued that the central issue raised was the need for the shift of resources into the balance of payments to bring the deficit down within the next four years, *but on that question the* White Paper did *not* touch reality.

Had the Government abandoned the policy of full employment? Or had it, in spite of the stubborn reticence of Treasury witnesses, become committed to *import controls?*

Mr Sedgemore observed that Treasury witnesses had denied that it was government policy to let unemployment rise to cut back *imports; that devaluation* was being considered; and that import controls, about which they erected an "iron curtain", were likely.

As Mr Sedgemore saw it, the Treasury document disclosed no weapons for achieving its objective. "*Whether you agree* or disagree, it is really disgraceful the Treasury will not talk about this in a sensible manner or discuss in theory what is going on", he said.

He added that the committee should change its stance. It should be furnished with specialist advice and produce its own economic models, and then *the Treasury could question its* views, instead of the other way about.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Conservative MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury, said he did not think import controls were worth considering. What mattered was that resources should be consumed at home on a lower scale.

"Physical control is no help, and it simply will not work," he said.

Looking ahead to the Budget as a member of the public expenditure committee, Mr Ridley commented: "This is a time for not inflating. There is no reason for a Budget at all for economic management reasons. If there is to be a Budget, judgment in the light of it should be, if anything, tighter, and certainly *not reflationary.*"

Mr Michael English, Labour MP for Nottingham, West, chairman of the subcommittee, said that "none of us desires an inflationary Budget next Tuesday". If there was to be any change in the deficit, they believed as a committee that it should be reduced by more taxation.

Mr Ridley interrupted: "It should be done by a cut in government expenditure"; and Mr English countered: "The majority of the committee would agree with what I said."

Mr Healey can clearly expect challenge from members of the committee from both sides of the House in the Budget debate next week; not least because public expenditure White Papers are now realistically regarded as works of fiction that flinch from facing what every politician knows to be the facts.

*Third Report from the Public Expenditure Committee, Session 1974-75.* (Stationery Office, 18p.)

# Rail unions to press for up to 30% rise

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff

Union leaders of 200,000 railwaymen are to press their claim for pay rises of up to 30 per cent, in spite of reservations from the TUC that they may be infringing the social contract.

The three railway unions, which have rejected an offer of 20 per cent from British Rail, will meet the Railways Board again on Friday, when they hope that a better offer will be forthcoming. When they last met British Rail the unions were told that the railways were on the verge of bankruptcy, and that an excessive pay settlement would inevitably lead to more line closures and cuts in services.

Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, and members of the TUC economic committee, yesterday met railway union leaders, including Mr Sidney Weighell, of the National Union of Railwaymen, and Mr Ray Buckton, of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen. Mr Murray said later that the unions had expressed the desire to see the social contract succeed.

Asked to explain their claim, union leaders told Mr Murray that they had no intention of abandoning the position in the wages league they won after last year's major pay restructuring on British Rail. They said that they intended to repeat the success of the miners and the electricity workers, whose unions have won increases well outside the social contract guidelines.



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# Police given 300 names for 'Black Panther'

Police investigating the murder of Lesley Whittle said yesterday that they had received more than 300 calls from people giving them names of men who could be the Black Panther.

The names were given after Thursday's reconstruction in Kidsgrove, Staffordshire, by a local actor playing the part of the kidnapper. Commander John Morrison, who is leading the inquiry, said yesterday that the Panther had had a charmed life so far. But his luck was sure to run out.

A senior officer involved in the murder hunt has appealed for companies engaged in transporting building workers from the Potteries to West Mercia to get in touch with the police immediately. He said the police wanted to find out about men being taken from the Potteries area to work outside who might have been missed in local police inquiries.

Employment exchanges have also been asked to discover whether a man answering the Black Panther's description had applied for unemployment benefit.

# Shared lead in grandmaster chess possible

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Birmingham

There was little change in the leading positions of the Setters grandmaster chess tournaments in Birmingham as a result of play in round 14 yesterday. Much depends on how Matulovic's adjourned game goes against Nunn. If that ends in a draw Matulovic and Mestel will be sharing the lead with, in all probability, a half-point lead over the rest of the field.

Mestel and Webb had a quick draw yesterday but the game between Nunn and Matulovic, the earlier part of which had been played in advance, was again adjourned in a position in which Matulovic had some winning chances in a difficult queen and pawn ending.

Mestel played wildly against Bisguier and missed a golden opportunity of overhauling the leaders. He gave up a piece for an insufficient attack and resigned on the 43rd move. Miles came up to share fourth place with Mestel by a good, incisive win over Haag.

The scores now are Matera 10; Matulovic 9½ and one adjourned; Damjanovic 9 having played and won his last round game in advance; Mestel and Miles 8½ and one adjourned; S. Webb 8½; Haag 8; Janosevic 7½; Bisguier 7; Chellstorp 6; Gasic and Nunn 5½ and one adjourned; Botterill and Gorden 4½; Bell 4, Cafferty 3 and two adjourned.

Results of round 14: Nunn adjourned against Matulovic (Sicilian def.); Matera v. S. Webb 5 (English opening); Haag 0, Miles ½ (Sicilian def.); Bell 0, Chellstorp 1 (Sicilian def.); Bisguier ½, Mestel ½ (queen's pawn); Botterill 0, Gorden ½, Damjanovic 1 (Sicilian def.); Cafferty adjourned against Gasic (English opening); Botterill 1, Janosevic 0 (QP Samuel) def. deferred.

Adjourned game result, round 13: Webb ½, Matulovic ½.

# Councils in clash over likely cuts on housing

By John Young
Planning Reporter

A dispute is developing between the Government and several London councils over prospective drastic cuts in their housing grants. The councils fear that pressure to reduce public expenditure will jeopardise any chance of alleviating the capital's acute difficulties in the foreseeable future.

The most emotive issue is the decision, already announced, to reduce grants for improvement and renovation. This week Mrs Margaret Watson, chairman of Islington housing committee, planted the battle standard amid the shabby Georgian facades of Lloyd Square, in Finsbury, proclaiming that government policies were encouraging the council to knock such houses down and replace them with new estates.

Islington, with its high proportion of Georgian and early Victorian terraces, epitomizes the issues involved.

In Barnsbury, for example, where "gentrification" has pushed prices for owner occupiers up to £60,000 or more, the council may be forced to spend up to £20,000 on buying a dilapidated house which then costs a further £35,000 to convert to, say, three flats. Each flat may then be let to a council tenant at perhaps £9-£10 a week, which does not remotely begin to cover interest charges on the council's borrowings.

The Government has argued that local authorities are spending too much on improving their own estates, which do not merit priority, and not enough on modernizing slum houses acquired from private landlords. But privately ministers are horrified by the costs and feel that councils are insisting on unrealistically high standards of rehabilitation.

Mrs Watson's answer is that a policy of "patching up and painting" old houses is short-sighted and that complete renovation and conversion is the only way of ensuring a long-term stock of good housing. She denied allegations that, because of shortages of money and labour, the council was keeping houses empty for unnecessarily long periods.

It owned more than 3,000 houses scheduled for rehabilitation, of which only about 150 were unoccupied, but at the present rate it would run out of money in about October or November. "It is paradoxical and illogical that we should be in this state at this moment", she said.

The Greater London Council yesterday denied reports that it was planning to cut its housing programme by up to a third. It was considering a *number of options*, Mr Anthony Judge, chairman of the housing management committee, said, but "absolutely no decisions" had yet been taken.

# Protestant factions 'resolve their feud'

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

After months of internecine violence, which has greatly weakened "loyalist" solidarity in Northern Ireland, an unexpected announcement was made last night that the dispute between the two main Protestant paramilitary groups, the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force, had been settled. Delegations from the two groups had met briefly.

The UVF said its units had been ordered to stand down and its commanders told not to react to any form of provocation. Mr Kenneth Gibson, UVF spokesman, said afterwards: "There will be no problem in maintaining discipline now that this decision has been taken."

Mr John Orchin, a leading member of the UDA and its official spokesman, said the end of the feud was welcome. The effectiveness of the truce would depend largely, however, on the safe return of Mr Hugh McVeigh and Mr David Douglas, the two UDA members who were kidnapped from their furniture van in Shankill Road on Monday morning.

The identity of those responsible for the abduction is not clear, but mutual suspicion that *the incident was connected with* the feud threatened to widen the split. Yesterday's meeting was called to prevent that.

Late on Thursday one of the many splinter groups, familiar in Belfast, telephoned a newspaper and said that the two men were being held as hostages for the patching up of the feud.

If the truce lasts, it will strengthen the hand of the loyalist politicians when they take their seats in the forthcoming Convention.

Since the defeat of the Executive last May, their strongest card has been the threat of another general strike. But the feud, which has caused at least two deaths and countless shooting and bombing incidents, made that gesture impossible.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, yesterday put the full weight of his office behind the Protestant clergymen who laid the ground for the latest ceasefire by meeting leaders of the Provisional IRA at an hotel in Feakle. Speaking at the end of his three-day visit to Ulster, Dr Coggan said:

"I should have thought that the clergy were right to talk to the Provisional IRA. I would say talk when you have the chance; not much can be achieved by silence."

Commenting on the activities of the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of one of the three parties that make up the loyalist coalition, Dr Coggan said: "Anybody who tends to whip up hate does not help a situation which is as tense as this".

The British Army was involved in a shooting incident in Belfast last night after an attack on a bar in the predominantly Roman Catholic Markets area. Two men burst into the bar, fired two shots and rushed out again after their gun jammed. Their car was challenged by an Army lookout post and shots were fired. Later the car rushed an Army checkpoint.

Police said that later two men both suffering from bullet wounds, were rushed to hospital after their car crashed

# Roulette player is acquitted of plot charge

Eustace Porfyratos, a Greek shipping broker, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of plotting with others to cheat the Le Cercle Club in Park Lane, London, of £38,500 by playing a "rigged" roulette wheel. Mr Porfyratos, aged 37, lives at Radnor Place, Paddington, London.

Frank Bonnett, aged 29, of Kildon Court, Brondesbury Park, Kilburn, London, a croupier at the club, pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge. He was given an 18-month jail sentence, suspended for two years, fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £1,000 compensation to the club.

# More papers up on Monday

The two evening newspapers in London, the *Evening Standard* and the *Evening News*, are to go up in price by 1p to 6p from Monday. The price of the *Saturday Issue of the Evening News* will go up 1p to 7p from April 19. The *Evening Standard* is not published on Saturdays.

The rises are blamed on increased costs, notably for newsprint.

# ILEA leader loses post

Mr Ashley Bramall, leader of the Inner London education authority, has been ousted as chairman of the education committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

The 32 representatives voted Miss Sheila Wright, chairman of Birmingham education committee, into his place.

## Ambulance dispute

More than 200 ambulancemen in Yorkshire decided yesterday to continue answering only emergency calls affecting services in Leeds, Wakefield, Pudsey and South Kirby. They are protesting about a new agreement on wages and conditions.

# Electricians step up pay strikes

Local authority electricians are to step up their selective industrial action in support of a pay claim. Shop stewards from 180 authorities in England and Wales decided yesterday in London to extend strike action to Manchester and Swansea immediately.

Nearly 800 electricians in Leeds, Sheffield, Hull, Birmingham, Newcastle upon Tyne and Cardiff are now on strike. The rest of the 5,000 men affected by the 10-week official dispute are banning overtime and working to rule.

Selective action has also affected some London areas and the situation there is being reviewed.

Mr Peter Adams, national officer of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication, Plumbing Union, told yesterday's meeting that he would have further discussions with the employers next week. The union executive will review the position on April 28. He added: "Members decided today that, in the meantime, they would escalate action where possible."

The electricians have been offered an increase in their basic rate from £29.50 to £37.50, but they complain that that is still well short of the £45.20 received by electricians under contract.

Mr Adams said: "Only rates more in keeping with the contracting *electricians'* rate would be acceptable."

## 'Home Front'

*The Sunday Times* magazine tomorrow begins a series, called *Home Front*, designed for every householder worried by the soaring cost of maintaining the home. Its aim is to show how people, however unskilled, can cut the cost of repairs, carry out maintenance work, redecorate, improve, and if necessary enlarge their homes without relying on experts.

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# Courts again disrupted by prison officers' action

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Lightning token stoppages by prison officers at two London jails, Holloway and Pentonville, further disrupted court hearings yesterday. The stoppages, which are unofficial and began at Ashford remand centre on Thursday, are in support of a claim for a substantial increase in the £81 annual London allowance offered last month.

At least five courts at the Central Criminal Court were affected. One murder trial there was adjourned until next Monday. The judge was told that attempts to get warders to escort from the prison one of three accused had failed.

The Home Office said that 13 men from Pentonville and nine women from Holloway were not taken to court yesterday. At Pentonville a Sunday-like routine has gone on, except for no visits. But men have had normal exercise periods together and normal meals, which are taken in their cells.

No hospital escorts were provided except for emergency cases. Men spent longer last night locked in their cells. The same happened to women prisoners at Holloway, where there was no association period last night.

# Glasgow thanks the Army with mugs and whisky

From Our Correspondent
Glasgow

Sir William Gray, Lord Provost of Glasgow, yesterday presented a special mug and a miniature bottle of malt whisky to Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Davies, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots, as a token gesture of thanks to the 2,000 men who cleared 11,500 tons of refuse in the prolonged unofficial strike by 380 dustcart drivers.

Colonel Davies agreed to see that each soldier received a mug and a miniature bottle of whisky.

Sir William congratulated the soldiers at Territorial Headquarters in Maryhill, which served as the command centre for Operation Slant. When the last soldier left last night, 51 per cent of the rubbish in Glasgow had been cleared, leaving more than 40,000 tons yet to be removed when the drivers return on Monday.

The drivers will restart on their weekly pay of £32.50 and a bonus bonus, which should increase their earnings to about £80 a week. Sir William said that he believed the rubbish could be cleared in about six weeks.

The troops have received their normal pay of £28 to £30 a week and a "dirty work" allowance of £2.50 a week. Only one casualty was reported, a man bitten by a rat.

The Lord Provost was uncertain how much the corporation would have to pay for the *engagement of troops.* However, he said that the corporation would also be making a substantial contribution to the Army Benevolent Fund.

# Plan for 3,000 homes in village

Proposals to build 3,000 homes for Londoners in Green Belt land in Surrey are to be considered by an outer London borough. A town for 10,000 people is planned at the village of Malden Rushett, the population of which is 300, near Chessington. It would have council and private homes.

The proposal, which could cost £60m for homes alone, has been put forward by Kingston upon Thames housing committee. It is asking for a full feasibility study from its development service committee.

# Court criticizes MP for not appearing

Mr Robert Parry, Labour MP for Liverpool, Scotland Exchange, and his solicitors failed to appear before Huyton magistrates yesterday for committal proceedings.

Chief Inspector Bernard Roney, for the prosecution, said he had tried without success to find out why Mr Parry was not represented at the hearing.

Mr Charles McGee, the chairman, said: "We agree that this court's time has been wasted. We will be instructing the clerk to write to the solicitors for Mr Parry complaining about this and saying that the case will go on, on May 2. There will be no further adjournment."

Mr Parry is charged with being in charge of a car while unfit to drive through drink or drugs, and with failing to provide a blood or urine sample. He has elected for trial by jury

# TV sport coverage strains BBC and IBA relations

By a Staff Reporter

Relations between the BBC and the IBA seem to be growing strained over the television coverage of sports events. Last month the BBC rejected an IBA suggestion that they should take turns to cover big football matches, on the ground that the BBC was a national organization and could not ignore national events.

Sir Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC, agreed, however, that there was merit in the suggestion of alternating coverage of evening football matches from Europe. He proposed that the BBC shall televise the European Cup Final this year, and independent television next year.

Replying to Sir Michael yesterday, Lady Plowden, the new chairman of the IBA, said they were disappointed that the BBC did not feel able to accept their proposal to avoid duplication of the FA Cup Final and of the England against Scotland home international.

She was pleased to agree, however, "as a matter of principle, that you and we will always serve the viewers' interest by asking for arrangements to be made, at operational level, to alternate all broadcasts of football (and of other sporting events too, we would hope) which come to us by a common feed and in peak time".

On receiving Lady Plowden's letter yesterday, the BBC issued a statement saying they were sorry the IBA could not give a firm acceptance of their proposal to avoid duplication of the European Cup final.

What does this Establishment stand for? Generally speaking, for the steady extension of public authority, of the power of the state, of its own power."

Had Mr Benn been alive then, the hand-loom weavers, the thatchers and the fletchers "would be weaving and thatching and arrow-making still".

He did not believe that the categories to which contemporary politicians and contemporary political thought were described were anything but profoundly confusing. Resorting to stereotypes discouraged thought.

# Length of bomb trial reduced

There was further legal argument in the absence of the jury when the bombing plot trial was resumed at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday. It was adjourned until next Monday.

When the jury returned Mr Justice Forbes said it seemed the trial would occupy considerably less time than had originally been expected. The defence had indicated that they did not require certain matters to be proved by calling witnesses.

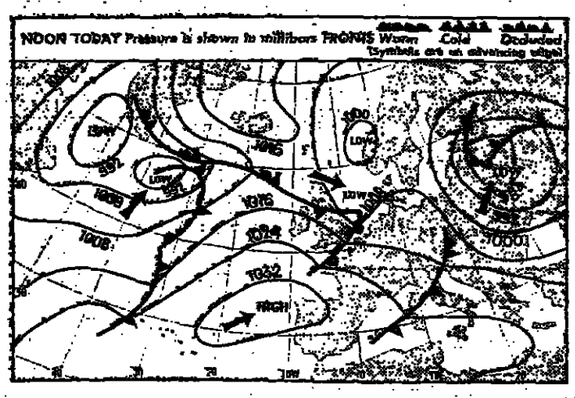
# Kathy Kirby must pay

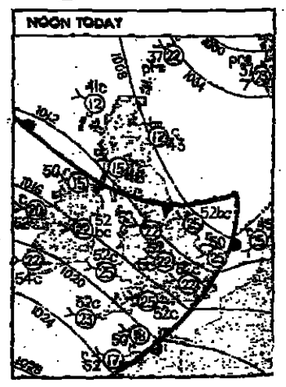
Kathy Kirby, the singer, wrongfully dismissed her manager when he refused to accept a 50 per cent cut in his pay, a High Court judge said yesterday. Mr Justice Kerr described Miss Kirby as a temperamental person. She dismissed Mr William Preston, who "acted as her nursemaid, ran her everyday life and sought to shield her from the vexations and troubles of travelling, engagements and accommodation", he said.

Mr Preston, of St Anne's Drive, Herne Bay, Kent, now a local government official, was given judgment in his action for wrongful dismissal against Miss Kirby, who was not represented and did not appear in Court. The judge dismissed a counterclaim by Miss Kirby alleging breaches of duty by Mr Preston.

The damages and other money she owes him will be assessed later by a High Court Master.

# Weather forecast and recordings




## Today

Sun rises: 6.13 am. Sun sets: 7.51 pm
Moon rises: 6.11 am. Moon sets: 9.8 pm
First quarter: April 19.
Lighting up: 8.21 pm to 5.41 am.
High water: London Bridge 3.5 am, 6.9m (22.8 ft); 3.26 pm, 7.0m (23.1 ft); Avonmouth 8.40 am, 12.7m (41.7 ft); 8.53 pm, 12.9m (42.1 ft). Dover 12.16 am, 6.4m (21.1 ft); 12.30 pm, 6.3m (20.7 ft). Hull 7.33 am, 7.1m (23.2 ft); 7.39 pm, 7.1m (23.4 ft). Liverpool 12.22 am, 8.9m (29.1 ft); 12.35 pm, 9.0m (29.6 ft).

## Tomorrow

Sun rises: 6.11 am. Sun sets: 7.53 pm
Moon rises: 6.39 am. Moon sets: 10.15 pm
First quarter: April 19.
Lighting up: 8.23 pm to 5.39 am.
High water: London Bridge 3.35 am, 7.0m (23.1 ft); 3.56 pm, 7.1m (23.4 ft). Avonmouth 9.11 am, 12.8m (42.0 ft); 9.24 pm, 12.9m (42.3 ft). Dover 12.44 am, 6.3m (21.2 ft); 12.58 pm, 6.3m (20.8 ft). Hull 8.4 am, 7.1m (23.2 ft); 8.13 pm, 7.1m (23.3 ft). Liverpool 12.53 am, 8.9m (29.3 ft); 1.6 pm, 9.1m (29.7 ft).

Low pressure to the NE of the British Isles and high pressure to the SW will maintain a NW airstream over most districts.

**Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:**

*London, SE, SW, central S England, Channel Islands, S Wales:* Cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, becoming bright and dry; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 13°C (55°F), 15°C (59°F) in places.

*East Anglia, E, central N England, Midlands:* Mostly cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, but some bright intervals; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 13°C (55°F).

*N Wales, Lake District, NW England, Isle of Man, N Ireland:* Cloudy, with rain at times, and mist fog; wind W, fresh; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Mostly rather cloudy with occasional rain, but S districts will probably be dry and sunny most of the time; temp mainly a little above normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind W, fresh or strong; sea moderate.

Strait of Dover: Wind W, fresh; sea moderate.

English Channel (E): Wind W, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

## Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 12°C (54°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 9 pm, 59 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.05in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm 0.03hr. Bar, mean sea level, 9 am, 1,020.7 millibars, rising. 1.00 millibars = 29.53in.

**WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY:** c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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| Barcelona | s | 21 | 70 | Edinburgh | c | 11 | 52 | Luxembourg | c | 14 | 57 |
| Beirut | s | 21 | 70 | Florence | r | 15 | 59 | Madrid | s | 16 | 61 |
| Belfast | c | 9 | 48 | Geneva | c | 14 | 57 | Majorca | s | 21 | 70 |
| Berlin | c | 14 | 57 | Gibraltar | s | 18 | 64 | Malaga | s | 23 | 73 |
| Biarritz | s | 18 | 64 | Gothenburg | r | 13 | 55 | Malta | s | 23 | 73 |
| Birmingham | c | 12 | 54 | Helsinki | c | 8 | 46 | Manchester | c | 12 | 54 |
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| Brussels | c | 15 | 59 | Jersey | s | 13 | 55 | Moscow | c | 4 | 39 |
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| Malta | s | 23 | 73 | Strasbourg | c | 14 | 57 | Strasbourg | c | 14 | 57 |
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# Sir Keith decries political labels

Political categories can be "profoundly confusing", Sir Keith Joseph told newspaper editors in Birmingham last night. Editors created catchwords through which people thought about politics, but he wondered whether those words were in "good order".

Speaking at a dinner of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors, Sir Keith said that "an old favourite" was the use of the words left and right.

At its simplest, the right was thought of as the defender of the Establishment against sudden and extensive political change. But that had been at a time when the Establishment was a crown, there was a state-recognized church, a hereditary aristocracy and a landed squirearchy.

The Establishment stood for authority. Its critics, the left, were radicals who preached liberty and wished to use the power of the state extensively, but for the purpose of unleashing personal energies by destroying traditional restrictions.

Sir Keith asked: "Who is the Establishment today?

HOME NEWS

# Approval of stringent cigarette advertising code is expected soon

By Stewart Tendler

A code for tighter controls over cigarette advertising has been sent by the Advertising Standards Authority to the Department of Health and Social Security for final approval. It is likely to be announced in a few weeks.

The code, the result of more than a year of discussion, will replace one established by the cigarette industry in 1964 and administered within the industry. It is expected to stop many advertisements that employ social flattery to attract smokers.

The manufacturers and the department have been working on rules that would prevent advertisements from encouraging people, especially the young, to start smoking or to smoke more. Advertisements should not say that it is natural to smoke or that the practice helps concentration or relaxation.

Other rules debated for the code include a ban on advertisements connected with bravery, masculinity, and sexual, business and social success.

The use in advertisements of socially attractive jobs and personal testimonies has also been examined, as well as a ban on advertising in publications for young people.

The result could be the end of the rugged cowboy and the airline pilot in cigarette advertisements, or the social cachet projected with some brands. According to the new rules smokers in advertisements will have to be aged more than 25 and only half the people in a group should be seen smoking.

Words like "clean" and "pure" will be forbidden and care will have to be taken with outdoor settings in case they suggest that smoking is healthy. Manufacturers will still be allowed to use sophisticated settings to demonstrate the quality of their products, and such properties as taste, mildness and coolness may be extolled.

Unlike the present code, the new one will be administered by a third party, the Advertising Standards Authority, which will scrutinize advertisements before they appear. It will have the power to ask advertisers to make changes and the media, not to use offending advertisements.

The anti-smoking lobby, represented by groups such as Action on Smoking and Health (Ash), is pleased with the way the talks have gone but concerned that the questions of sponsorship and coupons have not really been raised.

# New sweets may cut tooth decay, scientists say

Sweets which, it is claimed, may cut tooth decay by four fifths or more may soon be on sale in Britain. Finnish scientists have developed a new natural sugar which appears not to cause tooth decay and may prevent it.

Details of the Finnish studies were given to 1,000 dentists meeting at the International Association for Dental Research in London yesterday by Professor Arje Scheinin and Professor Kouko Makinen, of Turku University.

Dr Gerald Leatherman, executive director of the International Dental Federation, commented: "This may prove to be one of the most important research projects in the history of dentistry."

The new sugar, known as xylitol, is as sweet as ordinary sugar and is found in nature in berries, fruits and the birch tree, from which the Finns are extracting it to make chewing gums and pastilles.

One hundred and twenty-five adults took part in a two-year study in Finland in which some were given ordinary sugar, others are only the fruit sugar, fructose, and a third group took Xylitol. The last group had nine tenths less tooth decay that those taking ordinary sugar.

Unfortunately Xylitol is very expensive. A 2lb bag would cost about £2.80 at present, so it is unlikely ever to be economic to replace ordinary sugar in all sweets. What has excited dentists, however, is that even small amounts of the new sugar seem to have a protective effect.

Studies under way in Finland, which still have to be completed, suggest that chewing five sticks of Xylitol gum a day can produce a similar protective effect to a full-scale Xylitol diet.

"These results are very preliminary", Professor Scheinin said at a press conference in London yesterday. "So far, they have shown an extremely promising effect, but they still have to be carefully studied." The full results should be available in a little over a month.

Xylitol sugar also seems to produce changes in saliva which help to repair the early stages of tooth decay.

# olicitor attacks ourt view on enefit appeals

The Court of Appeal was used yesterday of trying to rn its back on the poor and edy by discouraging appeals ainst decisions of supplementy benefit tribunals.

The attack, by Mr Henry dge, solicitor to the Child verty Action Group, follows ecent judgment of Lord Den-g, Master of the Rolls. The lge said the courts should ve tribunals to interpret the pplementary Benefits Act "in road, reasonable way, accordg to the spirit and not the tter". Otherwise the courts uld be engulfed with streams appeals.

Mr Hodge, in the *Bulletin* of e Legal Action Group of lawrs and social workers, points t that Lord Justice Scarman d said in his Hamlyn lectures ar social justice required the y "to be loaded in favour of e weak and exposed" and to ovide access to the courts.

Mr Hodge said supplementary nefit appeals had no legal airmen, were often chaotic in eir procedures and had to deal th "a sloppily drafted piece legislation". There should be *second-tier appeal system.*

# arry Adler for trial

Larry Adler, the harmonica ayer, of Albany, Piccadilly, acted to go for trial by jury hen he appeared on remand at w Street Magistrates' Court, sterday, charged with stealing o packets of toffees valued gether at 74p from Robert ckson Ltd, of Piccadilly. He s remanded to July 8 on bail £50.

# Avalanche fears in Cairngorms

Avalanche warnings were issued yesterday for the thousands of winter sports enthusiasts expected this weekend in the Scottish Highlands. A mountain rescue leader said the danger after the heavy snowfalls early this week would be acute.

Mr Fred Harper, director of the Glenmore Lodge centre, in the Cairngorms, said slopes facing south would demand the greatest care, but ski slopes facing north, where the snow had been packed down, should be safe.

# Churchill plaque at Blenheim

Lady Spencer-Churchill, aged 90, revisited her former home at Blenheim Palace yesterday to unveil a plaque in the Temple of Diana pavilion in the grounds where Sir Winston Churchill proposed to her 67 years ago.

She was accompanied at the family ceremony by Lady Soames, her daughter, the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, daughter of the duke and duchess.

# Longleat village plan rejected

Plans by Lord Weymouth, heir to Lord Bath, for an hotel and holiday village at Shearwater Lake, near Longleat, have been rejected by Wiltshire County Council. The Council for the Protection of Rural England and Warminster Rights of Way Society were among objectors.

# Primate defends church's ight to exorcise evil

rom Christopher Walker

elfast

The Archbishop of Canterry, Dr Coggan, yesterday rongly defended the church's ght to practise exorcism in rtain cases where other more nventional remedies had not oved effective.

In his first public pronouncent on the subject since the ntroversy surrounding the orkshire murder trial of Mr ichael Taylor, Dr Coggan eclared that it was time to move discussion on exorcism om the mumbo-jumbo of agic.

Questioned at a press conrence in Belfast, the Archishop said that all through the ges the task of the Christian hurch had been what he alled "the liberation of boodage to evil into the fullness of fe".

He added: "It is a difficult sk and the forces of evil are ery great. I do not see exorism set off against and in pposition to medicine. Far om it; I think there are many cases where the more rash exorcists have by-passed the work of psychiatrists, and some cases where exorcism has been applied should not have occurred at all. They should have been referred to a psychiatrist."

Dr Coggan, who is on a six-day visit to Ulster and southern Ireland, went on: "But there is no doubt that there are many cases of men and women within the grip of the power of evil. They need the aid of the Christian Church working in collaboration with the forces of medicine."

Refusing to be drawn into a discussion over the case of Mr Taylor, who murdered his wife after taking part in an exorcism ceremony, Dr Coggan stated his agreement with the Bishop of Wakefield's judgment that the Church of England and Methodist clergymen involved had mishandled the case. The Archbishop concluded that the ministry of liberation should not be condemned because of one bad case.

Archaeology report

# Southwark: Roman site excavations

Excavations at Southwark during the past months have provided valuable new evidence about the bridgehead settlement around the southern end of the first London Bridge and the expansion of the city south of the river.

Although more research is required on the relationship between land and river levels, there is evidence that much of the inhabitable area had become dry only shortly before the Roman Conquest.

A report by Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee says further evidence of ditches and banks of Claudio-Neronian date has been recovered, and imported pottery, metal and leather finds indicate the likelihood of a military presence.

One site in Borough High Street contained three mid-first century ditches aligned parallel to each other and a square wood-lined well which had been burnt in the later first century. A complex of ditches dating from the first half of the second century was found slightly to the east; into one of these a wooden water conduit had been inserted.

Archaeologists have also recovered the alignment of two main bridge approach roads, both believed to be of pre-Flavian origin, leading to the conclusion that the Roman bridge stood on, or very slightly upstream of, the site of its medieval successor.

A Roman road ran NE-SW towards a point on the river front a little east of the modern London Bridge: at least six successive phases could be observed. From this excavation it seemed that the area by the road was levelled by AD 100, but any associated building levels had been destroyed by nineteenth-century cellars. Two stone rubble foundations were recovered and later Roman occupation was indicated by a timber-lined well containing fourth-century pottery.

The report says that although there is no evidence of structures before AD 60, it seems that much of the land bordering the roads was lined with clay and timber houses built by the end of the first century. Early Roman clay and timber structures were found on both sides of the road, with at least two phases of them occupying the sites until the mid-second century. Metal residues were found and suggest that one room was probably a workshop, but there was no other sign of trade or industry.

This early phase of settlement came to an end in the later second century, when the houses were apparently abandoned and allowed to collapse, perhaps because of a decline in population.

In the later Roman period buildings were stone built and more widely spaced than the earlier clay and timber structures. A site in St Thomas Street yielded evidence of three phases of building. The earliest occupation, dating from the reign of Nero, consisted of large shallow pits lying near the north-south road; during the second century the area was occupied by a building with plastered clay walls and earth floors, while on the remainder of the site was a series of 14 rectangular pits.

One had vertical posts with timber lining and internal partitions and contained late second-century pottery, glass, shoes, textiles, wooden writing-tablets and other remains; the pits were later overlaid by a substantial Roman building on ragstone foundations from which the plan of one room, with part of a hypocaust, was recovered.

An accumulation of black soil containing late Roman pottery and lying over the earlier clay and timber structures in parts of the settlement appeared to date from the fourth century. It probably represented a change in the use of the land from dwellings to agriculture.

Valuable environmental remains have also been recovered, the detailed study of which might produce evidence of the type of food that was available locally at this period.

By Cyril Bainbridge



Pottery recovered from a late-second-century AD timber-lined pit in St Thomas Street, Southwark, being examined yesterday.

# Phased action on Children Bill

From David Leigh
Birmingham

Dr Owen, the minister responsible for the Children Bill, told child-care specialists yesterday that the Bill, which provides for systematic local authority adoption services and reforms adoption procedures, would be implemented only in phases.

Local authorities were still being consulted on the burden it would put on them, and he promised not to implement it until high enough standards were in prospect.

Amendments to create a children's independent representative in a wider range of court and care proceedings would get little support from his ministry.

"If we were to legislate for a lawyer or social worker to act for children in every case where their interests were concerned, let alone where they were not involved with courts at all, we would simply be conning the public", he told the annual conference of the National Children's Bureau.

People who called for the reform should show where the extra social workers and lawyers would come from and whom they would neglect while they were double-checking the work of the local authorities and the courts.

The Bill, which reaches its report stage in the Lords next week, provides for children's own representatives in court in limited circumstances. "We are breaking new ground here in a period of restricted resources", Dr Owen said.

The proposal made earlier this week to him that magistrates should be allowed to act as observers when social workers reviewed the cases of children in care would be considered, he promised. He gave a warning, saying: "Some of the worst decision-making about children has been made in the courts."

Britain was going to face severe restraint for several years. Although child care services had had insufficient resources in the past decade while numbers of children in care, delinquents and violent adolescents increased, there were agonizing choices of priorities.

Local authorities were being encouraged to support children's services even at the expense of services for the elderly. But housing was most important to the Government. "If people are going to have grossly inadequate and squalid housing conditions, how can we hope to build for the children of the future?" he asked.

Dr Mia Kellmer Pringle, director of the National Children's Bureau, said that many of society's priorities were irrational. Far less was spent on children than on less significant activities. She called for mothers to be paid for bringing up children so that they did not have to work unless they wanted to. The same should apply to fathers.

Mr Michael Shanks, Director-General of Social Affairs for the EEC Commission, said such a mother's responsibility allowance was regarded with great suspicion by European women's organizations and trade unions. They saw it as a device to force women out of employment and back into the home.

Youth unemployment was growing throughout the EEC, he said. In France, 47 per cent of all unemployed were under 25 in 1973. The proportion of young people out of work was disproportionately high and rising in Britain and Europe.

# Students' union to oppose abortion act changes

From David Hencke
of *The Times*
*Higher Education Supplement*

Llandudno

The National Union of Students is to campaign against proposals to restrict abortions by emendations of the Abortion Act, 1967. The union's conference at Llandudno yesterday overwhelmingly passed an emergency motion supporting the retention of the Act and asking for its provisions to be extended to Northern Ireland.

Miss Jenny Beale, of London University Institute of Education, moving the motion, said it was a woman's fundamental right to control her fertility. "It is not the right of the church, the state or male members of Parliament to decide", she said.

Miss Eleanor Crawford, of Notre Dame College of Education, Glasgow, opposing the motion, said that abortion should not be used as another form of contraception. The union should fight for a society in which abortion was unnecessary.

The conference voted to give full support to the Lancaster students' union, which is protesting against a university tribunal hearing on the occupation of the university by 33 students last term. The conference called for a national demonstration at Lancaster on April 30.

It also urged the Government to ban police from university campuses and said that all legal and disciplinary charges against students refusing to pay rent should be dropped.

# Failure to act on Scots licensing laws criticized

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

The Clayson report on the reform of Scottish licensing laws was generally welcomed as being full of wisdom and commonsense on an issue that has created in Scotland one of the highest rates of alcoholism in Europe. Yesterday, as from a high and persistently ignored shelf where the report has remained since its publication 18 months ago, there came a call for inaction is this time", Dr Self.

He said: "I now have grave doubts about the intention of the Government". He was addressing a group of doctors, social workers, nurses and health visitors who were attending the first school on alcoholism in Edinburgh.

The Clayson committee had been appointed with a wide remit, as if the Government had at last really meant business after some 25 years of inaction. "I do not know what the excuse for inaction is this time". Dr Clayson said. "I do know the suggestion has been made that Scottish licensing law is not a matter which should be dealt with at Westminster, but rather one which the Government should delegate to the Scottish Assembly in due course.

"I suspect that this is just the sort of delaying manoeuvre which might appeal to uncertain minds. If so, a further delay of years can be expected." In the meantime misuse of alcohol was getting worse year by year and the remedy more difficult.

# Dorothy Squires has driving ban halved

A six-month driving ban on Dorothy Squires, the singer, was halved when she appealed at Lewes Crown Court yesterday. Miss Squires, of Bray, near Maidenhead, Berkshire, had been convicted at Lewes Magistrates' Court in January of speeding. It was her third endorsement, and she was fined £15 and banned for six months under the totting-up procedure.

The fine was doubled yesterday and Miss Squires was ordered to pay £20 costs but the ban was reduced to three months.

Mr Keith Evans, for Miss Squires, said a driving ban would cause great hardship because of her commitments at night clubs throughout Britain. He added: "She has come here begging clemency. I ask this court to show mercy."

Judge Haddow Forrest said they would exercise mercy on the ground of the hardship involved.

## Park ban continued

A temporary order banning two Londoners, Mr William Ubique Dwyer and Mr Sidney Rawle, for promoting, advertising or organizing a free pop music concert in Windsor Great Park this year without authority was continued by Mr Justice Cantley in the High Court yesterday.

## Corrections

A speech on sentencing policy by Mr Blom-Cooper, QC, reported on Wednesday, was given to the annual meeting of New Bridge, the voluntary organization helping former prisoners, not to the Howard League for Penal Reform. The figure of 4,500 in a report on Thursday was the total of British emigrants to South Africa in the first three months of last year, not the number of British doctors.

EEC REFERENDUM

# 'Chemistry of fear' enticing people to vote in favour of EEC

People are being enticed into voting "Yes" in the EEC referendum by "a chemistry of fear", Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, said last night. She said:

Those who advocate staying in rely on the fear that if we dare to reassert ourselves as a nation we shall be cut off from trade, from jobs and from international influence. But the cold objective facts of the situation are very different.

Economically, they mean that France and Germany will walk into our markets under trading conditions that serve their national interests and not ours.

Since Britain joined the European Community Germany had increased her trading surplus with Britain from £250.8m to £880.8m, an increase of two-and-a-half times.

Since Ted Heath first started to rearrange our trade patterns as a prelude to Market entry, a modest deficit in our trade in manufactured goods with West Germany of £88m in 1970 was turned into a staggering deficit of £896m in 1974. In 1974 Germany imported over twice as many manufactured goods to the United Kingdom, at £1,717m, as we exported to them, at £81m.

The picture of Britain's trade with the EEC generally had been almost as bleak. A £456m surplus in trade in manufactured food in 1970 with the other EEC countries turned into a £625m deficit last year. Our trade surplus with the rest of the world in the same period in manufactured goods rose by £657m from £1,922m to £2,579m.

EEC "graveyards for jobs": A vote for the EEC in the forthcoming referendum was a vote against job security, Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical, and Managerial Staffs, said yesterday at a press conference in London (the Press Association reports).

The EEC was a graveyard for employment, he said. "In the Market countries, jobs are more at risk than in any of the developed sectors of the world".

Seven of the EEC nations had shown enormous rises in unemployment during the past 12 months. The increases ranged from 26 per cent in Britain to 210 per cent in Denmark. But in non-EEC countries such as Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, and Austrial the number unemployed was far lower "and any increases in the past year were negligible".

# Mikardo allegation over business support rejected

By George Clarke
Political Correspondent

Mr Ernest Wistrich, director of the European Movement, who is closely associated with the Britain in Europe campaign in favour of continued membership of the EEC, yesterday dismissed as "nonsensical" an allegation by Mr Ian Mikardo, Labour MP for Tower Hamlets, that the pro-Market campaigners re financed by multinational companies to the tune of millions of pounds.

Mr Mikardo, a former party chairman made the accusation at a London arlly on Thursday to start the *Tribune* group's campaign against continued membership. He also said that the press coverage of the EEC debate was one-sided.

Mr Wistrich said:

Obviously we are making appeals at all levels, but when the anti-Marketeers talk about millions of poupnds coming into our funds the answer will be clearly given when we publish our accounts. These will tell a quite different story.

It is simply a sort of red herring which they are looking for as an alibi when they have lost the referendum and they want to suggest that big business has "bought the vote".

Mr Wistrich said that the pro-Europe campaigners had been in great financial difficulty at the beginning of the year, and Britain in Europe had to run up a bank overdraft to pay the normal bills.

Since the referendum became a live issue, however, the organizers had been astonished by the response to local appeals, he said. Four hundred 50p subscriptions were paid to the organization in Coventry, and one London group had already raised £400.

Instead of being featherbedded by large companies, the campaign was still seeking money, Mr Wistrich said. From the centre, grants of up to £30 were made to help to form local groups, but they were expected to repay the money.

# Rules for animal exports to be tightened

By Our Parliamentary
*Correspondent*
Westminster

Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, told the Commons yesterday that the arrangements regulating the export of live animals are to be tightened because of allegations of cruelty to sheep exported to France on March 12.

Exporters would be required to declare in writing the exact destination of each consignment of animals when applying for a veterinary inspection certificate. Arrangements had also been made for a closer liaison with the French authorities.

Mr Peart told MPs that there was no allegation that the British welfare regulations were broken, but a possible loophole had been disclosed by the incident. French rural law appeared to have been breached and the French authorities were prosecuting those who had charge of the sheep.

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# Nine ministers to meet in Dublin mansion

The nine EEC foreign ministers are meeting this weekend at a nineteenth-century Dublin mansion owned by a member of the Guinness family. The house, Farmleigh, is near Phoenix Park.

The ministers, some accompanied only by their wives, will leave Dublin tomorrow night.

There are no plans for press briefings or a final communique as the ministers are anxious that the talks remain private.

M Ortoli, president of the EEC commission, will be at the meeting, and it is thought likely that M Tindermans, the Belgian Prime Minister, will also attend. M Tindermans arrived yesterday in Dublin for talks with Mr Cosgrave, the Irish Prime Minister.

The mansion is the home of Lord Iveagh, chairman of Arthur Guinness, Son and Co and a member of the republic Senate.

# EEC membership 'best for Britain'

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the fact that Labour had demanded that the people should have the final decision and had promised it in two general elections.

For the past century, Parliament has generally functioned, as every constitutional expert has recorded, with the deep issues decided on a clear division between the two major parties. But the Common Market issue is one which transcends party loyalties; it is an issue which divides all the major parties. It divides people who are agreed on every other issue, be they issues of politics, industrial, trade union affairs, even religious denominations.

In this situation a referendum, and only a referendum, can determine theh true wishes of the British people. The question now is not whether Britain should have joined the Market, but whether we should stay in the Market. A great deal has happened since we were taken, without any test of the people's consent, into the Market three years ago . . . The question now is whether, having joined, and the world and Europe taken a different shape, whe should stay or pull out . . .

What the sanctimonious critics in the unregarding, regimented pro-Common Market press fail to understand is that in a country like Britain, and I am talking about the whole of Britain, not an inward-looking, self-contained cocktail circuit square mile in the metropolis, the people themselves have to be satisfied.

We are people with a long tradition of world trade and Commonwealth kinship, a people jealous of the right to trade in the cheapest world markets. Our people have the right to be satisfied that it is good for Britain now to stay in the Market in the world in which we are living in 1975 and shall be living in years beyond.

It was at that point that Mr that, after Labour's renegotiation of the terms, he believed it was best for Britain, for the Commonwealth, for Europe and the developing world for Britain to remain in the EEC.

The Prime Minister, like Mr Benn at the Tribune rally in London on Wednesday, then criticized the handling of the EEC issue by the press.

He referred to "sour and ill informed comment". He recalled that at the annual conference of the Scottish Labour Party in Aberdeen three weeks ago he had called for a debate on a high level, which was demanded by the importance of the decision. A failure to debate in such a manner would debase the whole argument.

He said he hoped that during the great national debate no one would be carried away so that he forgot that, in or out of the Community, Britain would survive and prosper in direct relation to our own efforts in this country, to our domestic policies, good or bad, to the degree of restraint all sections of the community show, particularly in relation to incomes, earned or unearned, which are sought and won, when they are not yet paid for by the gold backing of efforts and economic performance".

Britain's difficulties had been greatly increased by the oil crisis.

In recent months our non-oil deficits have been reduced to a fraction of what they were a year or more ago. We need all our resources of national effort and determination to maintain that trend until we are in balance. But the short-term challenge of inflation means delaying with incomes, recognizing as we must that our long-term vulnerability to this whole problem stems from the failure under successive governments, of both parties, to secure industrial investment on a scale anything like adequate to maintain and improve our competitive position in world markets. To be in the Market does not of itself solve any of these problems. Nor would a policy of withdrawing from the Market. Indeed, in my view, none would be harder to solve outside. Basically, the fault, and therefore the solution, lies not in or outside Europe: what we face is a challenge to Britain, to the British people.

Anyone who in the excitement of the debate seeks to persuade our fellow countrymen that there is, inside or outside the Community, any other way apart from our own efforts and restraint is debasing the argument.

Classicist rejects view that rulers of the great empire cared greatly about their northernmost province

# Some Rome truths about early Britain

From Philip Howard

Keele

The British have always taken a self-centred view of the world. It seems natural that the first maps in our atlases should be those of the British Isles, and unnatural that so little of the rest of the world is coloured pink these days.

Little Englanders find it odd that we should have asked to join the EEC, when, if anything, they should have asked to join us. In the same way, some British classicists have an exaggerated view of the interest taken by the Roman Empire in its remote province of Britannia.

In his paper to the Classical Association conference at Keele yesterday, Mr Wynne Williams, of Keele University, gave a salutary and educative antidote to such insularity. He demonstrated convincingly that to the rulers of the Mediterranean heartland of the Roman Empire these northern regions seemed very far away and uninteresting, unless Rome's attention was rudely and forcibly concentrated on them, as in the case of Marcus Aurelius from AD 167 onwards.

The provinces and cities of the eastern Mediterranean basin, the lingua franca of which was Greek, not Latin, bulked at least as large in the minds of successive emperors as did Italy and the Latin provinces of the West. After all, if the British Empire in the nineteenth century had included the rest of western Europe, British statesmen would have been at least as deeply concerned with the affairs of Paris and Vienna, or of Florence and Venice, as of Australia or the North-west Frontier.

The ruling aristocracy of Rome had been assimilating Greek culture since the third century BC or earlier. However, admiration of the Greeks of the classical period for long went hand in hand with a contemptuous attitude towards contemporary Greeks.

But such prejudice could hardly survive the admission of men of Greek origin to the innermost circles and highest levels of the Roman government. Concomitantly, men of western origin whose native tongue was Latin—like Plutarch, Arrian, Lucian, and Galen—were playing a part in the reflorescence of Greek literature.

Mr Williams examined the surviving texts of the correspondence of the Antonine emperors to show that Hadrian and his successors devoted much of their attention to the eastern cities that were the centres of this revived Hellenism. Provincial journeys, architectural initiatives, and honours, as well as letters from emperors, were rare to the West, frequent to the East.

Such concentration of imperial correspondence on the East is partly explained by the peculiar addiction of Greek cities, especially in western Asia Minor, to covering vast areas of wall surface with inscribed documents. Western cities either did not have such epistles inscribed at all, or had them on bronze tablets that were likely to get melted down.

Absurd as it may seem to the British, the letters show that those emperors, steeped in Greek philosophy, regarded the heartland of their empire as the eastern Mediterranean, not Piccadilly Circus, which everybody knows to be the centre of the world.

Professor Anthony Fitton Brown, of Leicester University, discoursed on the practice of swaddling, the almost universal custom until circa 1600 of cocooning a baby's trunk and limbs in tight bandages to keep him warm and safe, and to inhibit evacuation. He demonstrated that Oedipus was named by swaddling before Sophocles invented the pierced ankles to escape from a tricky situation in the plot.

When the angel told the shepherds that they would find the Christ child swaddled in a manger, he was not implying that the child had entered the world in an especially unfavourable condition: just that he had not been abandoned in the manger.

A mistranslation in the Vulgate of [illegible] "rags" led [illegible] in the Christ "all meanly [illegible] dling clothes might also [illegible] also swaddled

WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

# Paratroopers thrown into battle for Saigon's outer bastion

From Peter Hazelhurst
Trang Bom, north-east of Saigon, April 11

Paratroopers from South Vietnam's elite airborne division were flown into the *besieged provincial capital* of Xuan Loc by helicopters today to reinforce Government troops who have so far repulsed two attempts by the communists *during the past 72 hours* to capture the city.

The airborne troops were picked up by giant Chinook helicopters from a rubber plantation *near the small* village of Trang Bom on Route 1 as communist units seven miles to the east continued to block the road and all other land routes to Xuan Loc.

The decision to commit the paratroopers to the defence of *the provincial capital* 37 *miles* north-east of Saigon, was another indication that the Government troops have stopped retreating and are beginning to resist the communists' advances.

Paratroopers were first *rushed to these plantations* yesterday where they began to dig into form a second line of defence around the sprawling airbase of Bien Hoa, west of Trang Bom, as the communists made another attempt to advance eastwards.

*But the airborne troops, estimated at two battalions,* were lifted suddenly out of their positions today as officers in Saigon claimed that Government troops in Xuan Loc had driven all communists out of the town and were extending *operations beyond its outskirts.*

As the huge troop carrying helicopters landed today kicking up clouds of dust on the edge of the rubber plantations, *the troops' morale appeared to be high.*

The soldiers were well equipped and were joking and laughing as they boarded the aircraft, in contrast to the demoralized and sullen troops who retreated from northern provinces of South Vietnam without their heavy equipment last month.

South Vietnamese officers who were flown out of Xuan Loc to the second line of defence claimed that more than 1,000 troops from both sides died during the three days of bitter fighting after two North Vietnamese regiments from the 7th and 341st divisions attacked the provincial capital. According to official statistics 903 communists were killed, four prisoners were taken and 11 T54 Soviet tanks and 20 Soviet trucks were destroyed.

A spokesman for South Vietnam's military command claimed later today that Government casualties at Xuan Loc were 81 killed, 110 *wounded and one missing.*

Although communists have been repulsed from Xuan Loc, heavy fighting continues around the headquarters of South Vietnam's 18th Division, about one mile east of the city.

The spokesman said he *would not like to say that the* battle of Xuan Loc was over because the communists were well equipped with tanks, artillery, 75mm recoilless rifles and other Soviet and Chinese arms. Communist gunners continued to shell Xuan Loc with 130mm *long-range guns throughout the* day.

Near the hamlet of Hung Nghia, seven miles west of Xuan Loc, Government armoured units are still attempting to dislodge communists who have occupied a section of Route 1 and the road which leads northwards to the communist occupied province of Lam Dong. Government rangers edged slightly eastwards towards communist positions during the past 24 hours, but the North Vietnamese units in positions in banana plantations on both sides of the roads show no signs of retreating.

# 'Glaring US omission' depresses Cambodians

From Bruce Palling
Phnom Penh, April 11

The Cambodian Government today expressed extreme disappointment at President Ford's address to Congress in which he virtually conceded that it was too late to prevent a Khmer Rouge victory. Several of the remaining members of the United States Embassy here also commented privately that the absence of any plea for increased military *aid to Cambodia in his address* was a "glaring omission".

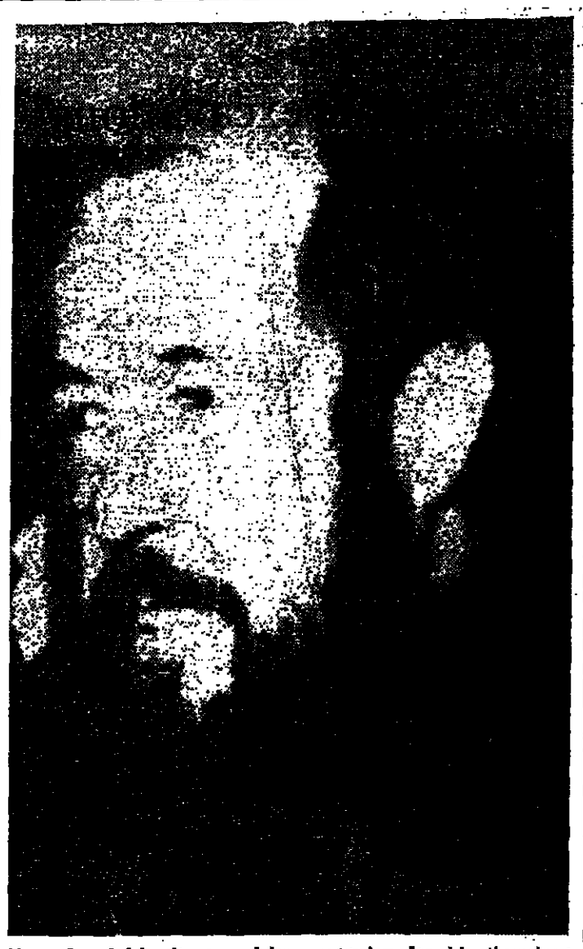
In a statement the Cambodian Minister of Information, Mr Thong Lim Huong, accused President Ford of avoiding responsibility for seeking increased aid to his people. The *Cabinet held a series of meet*ings throughout the day and several reports speak of the formation of a new Government in the next few days.

However, observers consider any such move irrelevant to the impending collapse of the Phnom Penh Government once the American Embassy evacuates and the vital airlift of ammunition, petroleum and rice halts.

Despite air and ground attacks, Government forces have been unable to dislodge the estimated 200 Khmer Rouge from their forward position, only two miles from the airport. An internal cargo aircraft was hit by rocket fire *this morning and crashed soon* after takeoff, killing four crew members, including two Taiwanese pilots. An American pilot was also killed on the ground at the airport by rocket fire.

Some military observers *believe the situation is so critical* on and around Pochentong international airport eight miles west of Phnom Penh that this weekend may be the last *opportunity for fixed wing aircraft* to fly from it. The American Embassy has advised all foreign correspondents to be at the Hotel le Phnom at 7 am tomorrow morning (midnight GMT) for possible evacuation orders, either by cargo *aircraft or helicopter. No dis*tinction will be made between American correspondents and others on any evacuation flights.

Despite the strong indications from Congress in the past two-and-a-half months that no increased military aid was likely for Cambodia, today's omission by President Ford came as a surprise to many members of the Govern*ment.*



Alexander Solzhenitsyn arriving yesterday for his three-hour *meeting with authors and journalists in Paris.*

# Solzhenitsyn criticizes Western life

*From Richard Wigg*
Paris, April 11

Alexander Solzhenitsyn disclosed here last night that it was Heinrich Böll, the West *German novelist, who per*sonally carried some of his manuscripts to the West when the Russian author was still residing in the Soviet Union.

This was one of the revelations during a three-hour-long causerie with French writers and journalists to mark the publication in French of his latest memoirs, *The Oak and the Calf.*

He said that "A veritable *nest" of KGB security police* from the Soviet Union had installed themselves near his home in Zurich.

Perhaps the most important *aspect of Mr Solzhenitsyn's* talk was a condemnation of the *contemporary Western way of* life as he judges it. This extended not only to the present tragedy in South Vietnam but to Portugal and the West's inactivity which, he said, had led to the death of six million people when the *Bolsheviks organized an "arti*ficial famine" in the Ukraine in 1932 and 1933.

"It is not your liberty I am criticizing but they way you surrender that liberty step by step", he said, in one memorable phrase. Since the Second World War the West had been guilty of abandoning an historical *role, solely in order to* preserve its material and moral comfort.

Today in Portugal, he continued, there were more persons in prison than under Salazar or Caetano, proving that "totalitarianism is born from a weak and ill-prepared democracy".

*The Oak and the Calf* is published in Paris by the YMCA émigré press.

# Russians urge Israel to go to Geneva talks

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, April 11

A pair of Kremlin envoys on a secret mission to Israel last week are reported to have urged Government leaders in Jerusalem to renounce the United States step-by-step approach to a Middle East settlement. They suggested that Israel should seek an overall peace through negotiations at the Geneva conference.

The emissaries held out as bait a Soviet guarantee of Israel's security within its boundaries existing before the 1967 war and a renewal of diplomatic relations severed at the outbreak of that war.

A report of the meetings in the newspaper *Haaretz* this *morning patently* embarrassed officials in Jerusalem. The Foreign Ministry issued a prim statement: "Israel will not react to reports whether contacts did or did not take place with the Soviet Union or other countries with which Israel has no diplomatic relations."

Trustworthy sources said the Russians met Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, as well as the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Defence. *Haaretz* said the envoys were not officials but "persons close to the ruling establishment".

The Israelis have said they were willing to negotiate with the Arabs either at Geneva or through a continuation of American mediation. But a preliminary obstacle to Geneva has been the Arabs' demand for the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel's insistence it will not negotiate with "murderers and terrorists". The Kremlin representatives are reported to have said that the Soviet Union would not insist on PLO participation as an independent delegation provided the Israelis agreed to the inclusion of PLO representatives in the Syrian, Jordanian or Arab League delegations.

The Russians, who share the chairmanship of the Geneva conference with the United States, were not rushing its *convocation, the envoys said,* because they wanted to prepare groundwork and strengthen its prospects for success. They were concerned lest a continued deadlock should drive the Arabs, and particularly Syria, to reopen hostilities which might lead to Russian involvement with the United States.

Analysts here said the Soviet approach did not represent a policy shift as there had been similar contact in the past. The timing was natural after the failure of the Kissinger mission and the resulting friction between Washington and Jerusalem.

The Soviet mission here appeared to have been arranged at a meeting in Washington between the Soviet and Israel Ambassadors. According to the newspaper, *Maariv*, Dr Kissinger may have been instrumental. In discussing plans for a Geneva conference after the breakdown of his step-by-step diplomacy, he is said to have told Mr Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador, that the Kremlin position *at Geneva would improve if* Moscow resumed contacts with the Israelis.

Lieutenant-General Mordechai Gur, the Israel chief of staff, told foreign journalists in an interview today that the United States had more *to worry about than Israel from* the proposed reopening of the Suez Canal to Soviet warships on June 5.

As a former military attaché to Washington, he recalled that discussions in the Pentagon on the importance of the Suez canal had been mainly in terms of conflict between Russia and the United States. "So no doubt it will create certain difficulties for the United States fleet", he remarked. "I don't think Russian vessels will take direct action against Israel."

Israelis had been under the impression that Washington was pleased with the blockage of the canal which denied *Soviet warships a quick route* to the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean.

General Gur said the Egyptians were already using the waterway

Cairo, April 11.—Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, will visit Moscow on April 19 for talks on preparations for a resumed Geneva conference, Government sources said today.

# US nuclear embargo brings EEC protest

From David Cross
Brussels, April 11

The European Community today delivered a rough protest Note to the United States over its recent decision to suspend temporarily deliveries of nuclear materials to overseas customers.

An aide memoire delivered by the European Commission to the United States Embassy here complained that the decision could seriously affect the operations of some nuclear power stations and research centres in the Community. It is understood that a handful of European customers were originally expecting deliveries of enriched uranium, for example, in the next couple of months and now fear that these may not arrive in time.

The United States decision to suspend the issue of all further licences to export and import nuclear "reactors, or significant quantities of source or special nuclear material", was published at the end of last month by the new Nuclear Regulatory Commission, one of the *two organizations* which has replaced the old United States Atomic Energy Commission. In response to growing concern in the United States and elsewhere about the handling, shipment and licensing of nuclear supplies, the *NRC announced that it wanted* time to review the various rules and procedures covering the issue of import and export licenses.

Today's protest Note expressed concern that the NRC's decision was taken without prior consultation with the Community and gave rise to serious concern about the security of future nuclear supplies from the United States. The Community is completely dependent on the United States for supplies of highly enriched uranium and 60 per cent dependent for supplies of lower quality fissile material. The Note also pointed out that EEC imports are covered by current contracts signed within the framework of a cooperation agreement between the Community's nuclear United States and Euratom.

# Draft for Cuba constitution is published

Havana, April 11.—A draft constitution which would give Cuba a government elected by the people was published here yesterday by the *Granma* newspaper.

The draft provides for a national assembly to be elected every five years by Cubans of both sexes over 16. The Assembly would elect a state council to include a President who would be head of state and supreme chief of the armed forces.

The proposed constitution, approved by the Politburo of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee, will eventually be put before this nation of nine million people in a referendum. They will vote on a final draft to be drawn up by *Cuba's first Communist* Party congress at the end of the year. —Reuter.

# Study says US is sending deadly nerve-gas to Nato

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

The United States Department of Defence is to increase the stockpiles of chemical *weapons delivered to Nato in* Europe, according to an unofficial study published today. The department is also to send to Europe a new and deadly nerve-gas weapon called "the binary munition".

Last night the Pentagon said it had no plans at present to increase its stockpiles of lethal toxic gas in Europe.

The study, called *The United States Binary Nerve-Gas Programme: National and International Implications*, is written by Mr Julian Perry Robinson, a specialist in strategic studies at Sussex University.

Mr Perry Robinson said yesterday that American plans had horrifying implications in undermining negotiations to limit chemical weapons. They also introduced a new threat from terrorism, because terrorists would be able to make *chemical weapons without dan*ger to themselves.

The study deals particularly with the new weapon, the binary munition, composed of two innocuous compounds. When fired in the same shell or missile, the two mix together on detonation to form some of the most deadly substances to come from the laboratory.

of the storage sites in Europe for these weapons remained a secret.

The study says that the binary munitions plan forms part of an effort by the Pentagon to end a moratorium on the production of nerve-gas, imposed by presidential order five years ago.

Nearly a year after the fall of the Caetano regime citizens face arrest, literally, left, right and centre

# Number of prisoners mounts in Portugal

From Nicholas Ashford
Lisbon, April 11

The number of people being held in Portuguese jails who could be termed "political prisoners" is between 20 and 30 times higher than at the time of last April's revolution which ended half a century of right-wing dictatorship.

They include large numbers of former Pide/DGS secret policemen, government ministers and officials of the *previous* Salazar and Caetano regimes, bankers and other members of the business community and a rapidly-growing number of members of the armed forces. So far not one has been brought to trial.

The military rulers claim *that there are no political* prisoners, only people who have been arrested because of crimes committed under the previous regime or because of alleged involvement in the right-wing plots of September 28 and March 11. By normal West *European standards, however,* most of those who have been rounded up since last April either fit the definition of political prisoner or are being denied elementary human rights.

So far the authorities have *not published a complete list,* or even a total figure, of those who have been detained. According to *reliable, inde*pendent Portuguese sources, the number of "political prisoners" is at the very least 1,700 and probably nearer 2,700 or even more (the figure constantly fluctuates as new arrests are made or the fortu*nate few are released). This* compares with about 100 political prisoners who were freed from Dr Caetano's jails after April 25 last year.

Furthermore the prison *population is continuing to* swell. Earlier this week 31 more people (28 of them military and three civilians) were arrested by Copcon, the security force which has taken over most police duties, because of suspected involvement in the *March 11 abortive coup or with* the clandestine right-wing Portuguese Liberation Army

The majority of those held, probably between 1,500 and 2,000, were former members of the hated secret police or of the Portuguese Legion and other fascist organizations. A Commission for the Abolition of the Pide was set up last year to prepare cases against them, but its work has been *hampered by the continuous* political in-fighting among its members.

There is evidence that the commission has been infiltrated by extreme left-wing elements. Senhor Fernando Oneto, one of its civilian directors, resigned *recently claiming that it was* being turned into a new political police.

The authorities have given no indication when the Pide agents may be brought to trial and they show little concern, perhaps understandably in view of Pide's record of torture and harassment. Commander Jorge Jesuino, the Information Minister, said earlier this week that, as most of those in jail would be sentenced to considerably more than a year's imprisonment, their present period of detention was not very serious.

The first widespread arrests of businessmen began in Decem*ber when a group of about 15* were held, including Senhor Jorge de Brito, who founded a large commercial empire based on banking and property.

Many more businessmen, many of them members of the powerful families that dominated Portuguese commercial life under Dr Salazar and Dr Caetano, have been arrested since March 11.

Extreme left-wing organizations have also come under attack. *Between 50 and 100* members of a Maoist group and some leaders of the left-wing Alliance of Workers and Farm Labourers have been arrested *in the past few weeks. Both* organizations are strongly opposed to the Communist Party and were suspended recently from taking part in the elections.

The biggest number of detainees since March 11—well *over 100—has come from the* armed forces, most of them supporters of former General Antonio de Spinola. Among them are some of the original leaders of the Armed Forces Movement, the young officers responsible for overthrowing *the Caetano regime.*

The arrests are often carried out in an arbitrary way. People are taken from their homes, often at night, by the Copcon security force, which frequently act without a warrant. Other arrests have been made by such unauthorized bodies as trades union squads or members of the left-wing Portuguese Democratic Movement.

Commander Jesuino has said that the prisoners are being well-treated "in flagrant contrast to what took place before April 25". Certainly, until March 11 there was little indication of maltreatment of *prisoners, although* there were some instances of neglect. However, there have been allegations recently that prisoners have been beaten.

# Stonehouse asylum appeal considered by Mauritius

Port Louis, Mauritius, April 11.—The Mauritius Cabinet today discussed an appeal for asylum from Mr John Stone*house, the runaway MP.* A Government official said the final decision would lie with Sir Seenoosagur Rangoolam, the Prime Minister.

Mr Stonehouse's 23-year-old daughter Jane today met officials in the hope of obtaining a passport for her father, who was found in Australia last December after faking his death in the sea off Miami Beach in the United States.

She had lunch with Sir Harold Walter, the Minister of Health, an old friend of the family. Sir Harold *said: "I've known Jane* since she was a kid. John is my friend.

"For me, as a lawyer who studied in Britain, I consider *that a man is innocent* until proved guilty. With the hysterical campaign made in the press and elsewhere against John, I do not think he can have a fair trial."

# Ford speech argues case for more military aid to Saigon

Washington, April 11.—The following is a partial text, supplied by Reuters, of President Ford's foreign policy address last night to a joint session of Congress:

The course which our country *chooses in the world today has* never been of greater significance —for ourselves as a nation and for *all mankind.*

The American people can be proud of what their nation has *achieved* and helped others to accomplish. But we have, from time to time, suffered setbacks *and disappointments* in foreign policy. Some were events over which we had no control—some were *difficulties* we imposed upon ourselves. . . .

A vast human tragedy has befallen our friends in Vietnam and Cambodia. . . .

The chances for an enduring peace after the last American fighting man left Vietnam in 1973 rested on two publicly stated premises: first that if necessary the United States would help sustain the terms of the Paris accords it signed two years ago; and second, that the United States would provide adequate economic and military assistance to South Vietnam.

Let us refresh our memories for a moment. The universal consensus in the United States at that time was that, if we could end our own involvement and obtain the release of our prisoners, we would provide adequate material support to South Vietnam.

The North Vietnamese, from the moment they signed the Paris accords, systematically violated the ceasefire and other provisions of the agreement.

In the face of this situation, the United States—torn as it was by the emotions of a decade of war—was unable to respond. We deprived ourselves by law of the ability to enforce the agreement, thus giving North Vietnam assurance that it could violate that agreement with impunity. Next, we reduced our economic and arms aid to South Vietnam. Finally, we singnalled our increasing reluctance to give any support to that nation struggling for its survival.

Encouraged by these developments, the North Vietnamese in *recent months began sending even* their reserve divisions into South Vietnam. Eighteen divisions, vir*tually their entire Army, are now* in South Vietnam. The Government of South Vietnam, uncertain *of further American assistance,* hastily ordered a strategic withdrawal to more defensible positions.

This extremely difficult manoeuvre, decided upon without consultations, was poorly executed, hampered by floods of refugees, and thus led to panic. The results are painfully obvious and profoundly moving.

*With respect to North Vietnam,* I call upon Hanoi—and ask the Congress to join me in this call —*to cease military operations* immediately and to honour the terms of the Paris agreement. *The United States is urgently* requesting the signatories of the Paris conference to meet their *obligation to use their influence* to halt the fighting and enforce the 1973 accords.

*Diplomatic notes to this effect* have been sent to all members of the Paris conference, including the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China.

The situation in South Vietnam *and Cambodia has reached a criti*cal phase requiring immediate and positive decisions by this Government. . . .

I have received a full report from General Weyand, whom I sent to Vietnam to assess the situation. He advises that the current military situation is critical, but that South Vietnam is continuing to defend itself with the resources available.

However, he feels that if there is to be any chance of success for their defence plan, South Vietnam needs urgently an additional $722m in very specific military supplies from the United States. In my judgment, a stabilization of the military situation offers the best opportunity for a political solution.

I must, of course, consider the safety of some 6,000 Americans who remain in South Vietnam, and *tens of thousands of South Viet*namese employees of the United States Government, of news *agencies, of contractors and busi*nesses for many years whose lives, with their dependants, are in *grave peril.*

There are tens of thousands of other South Vietnamese—intellectuals, professors and teachers, editors and opinion-leaders who have supported the South Vietnamese cause and the alliance with the United States—to whom we have a profound moral obligation.

I am also mindful of our posture towards the rest of the world, and particularly on our future relations with the free nations of Asia. These nations must not *think for a minute* that the United States is pulling out on them or intends to abandon them to aggres*sion.*

I have therefore concluded that the national interests of the United *States and the cause of world* stability require that we continue to give both military and humanitarian assistance to the South Vietnamese.

I am asking the Congress to appropriate without delay $722m for emergency military assistance and an initial sum of $250m for economic and humanitarian aid for South Vietnam.

I ask Congress to clarify immediately its restrictions on the use of United States military forces in South-east Asia for the limited purpose of protecting American lives by ensuring their evacuation; if this should become necessary. I also ask prompt revision of the law to cover those Vietnamese to whom we have a special obligation and whose lives may be endangered, should the worst come to pass.

I hope that this authority will never be used, but if it is needed there will be no time for Congressional debate. Because of the urgency of the situation, I urge the Congress to complete action on all these measures not later than April 19.

In Cambodia the situation is tragic. The United States and the Cambodian Government have each made major efforts—over a long period and through many channels —to end that conflict. But because of their military successes, steady external support, and American legislative restrictions, the communist side has shown no interest in negotiation, compromise, or a political solution.

In January, I requested food and ammunition for the brave Cambodians. I regret to say that, as of this evening, it may be too late.

Members of the Congress, my fellow-Americans, this moment of tragedy for Indo-China is a time of trial for us. It is a time for national resolve. Let us put an end to self-inflicted wounds. Let us remember that our national unity is a most priceless asset. Let us deny our adversaries the satisfaction of using Vietnam to pit Americans against Americans.

We must first of all face the fact that what has happened in Indo-China has disquieted many of our friends, especially in Asia. We must deal with this situation promptly and firmly. To this end, I have already scheduled meetings with the leaders of Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Indonesia, and I expect to meet with leaders of other Asian countries as well.

Our relations with Western Europe have never been stronger. There are no peoples with whom America's destiny has been more closely linked. There are no peoples whose friendship and cooperation are more needed for the future.

For none of the members of the Atlantic community can be secure, none can prosper, none can advance, unless all do so together. *More than ever, these times* demand our close collaboration in order:

—*to maintain* the sure anchor of our common security in this time of international riptides;

—to work together on the promising negotiations with our potential adversaries;

—to pool our energies on the great new economic challenges that face us.

In addition to this traditional agenda, there are new problems, involving energy, raw materials, and the environment. The Atlantic nations face many and complex negotiations and decisions.

It is time to take stock, to consult on our future, to affirm once again our cohesion and our common destiny. I therefore expect to join with the other leaders of the Atlantic alliance at a Western summit in the very near future.

Before this Nato meeting, I earnestly ask Congress to weigh the broader consequences of its past actions on the complex Greek and Turkish dispute of Cyprus. . . .

United States military assistance to an old and faithful ally—Turkey —has been cut off by action of the Congress. This has imposed an embargo on military purchases by Turkey, extending even to items already paid for—an unprecedented act against a friend. . . . But the result of the Congressional action has been:

—to block progress towards reconciliation, thereby prolonging the suffering on Cyprus;

—to complicate our ability to promote successful negotiations.

I therefore call upon the Congress to lift the American arms embargo against our Turkish ally by passing the bipartisan Mansfield-Scott Bill, now before the Senate. . . .

At the same time, in order to strengthen the democratic government of Greece, and to reaffirm our traditional ties with the people of Greece, we are actively discussing a programme of economic and military assistance. We will shortly be submitting specific requests to the Congress.

A vital element of our foreign policy is our relationship with the developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. These countries must know that America is a true and concerned friend, reliable in word and deed.

As evidence of this friendship, I urge the Congress to reconsider *one provision of the 1974 Trade* Act which has had an unfortunate and unintended impact on our rela*tions with Latin America*, where we have such long ties of friendship and cooperation. Under this legislation all members of Opec were excluded from our generalized system of trade preferences. This punished two old South American friends, Ecuador and Venezuela, as well as other Opec nations, such as Nigeria and Indonesia, none of which participated in last year's oil embargo. This exclusion has seriously complicated our new dialogue with our friends in this *hemisphere.*

I therefore endorse the amendments which have been introduced in the Congress to provide executive authority to waive those restrictions of the Trade Act that are incompatible with our national interest.

The interests of America, as well as our allies, are vitally affected by what happens in the Middle East. . . . The *momentum* towards peace that has been achieved over the last 18 months must and will be *maintained. The active role of* the United States must and will be continued. The drift towards war *must and will be prevented.*

I pledge the United States to a major effort for peace in the Middle East—an effort which I know has the solid support of the American people and their Congress. We are now examining how best to proceed. We have agreed in principle to reconvene the Geneva conference. We are prepared as well to explore other forums. . . .

The United States will move ahead on whatever course looks most promising, either towards an overall settlement or interim agreements, should the parties desire them. We will not accept stagnation or a stalemate, with all its attendant risks to peace and prosperity and to our relations in and outside the region.

The United States and the Soviet Union share an interest in lessening tensions and building a more stable relationship. . . . As long as I am President, we will not permit détente to become a licence to fish in troubled waters. Detente must be a two-way street.

Central to United States-Soviet relations today is the critical negotiation to control strategic nuclear weapons. We hope to turn the Vladivostok agreements into a final agreement this year at the time of General Secretary Brezhnev's visit to the United States.

Our use of trade and economic sanctions, as weapons to alter the internal conduct of other nations, must also be seriously reexamined . . . they are not achieving the objectives intended by the Congress, and they have damaged our foreign policy.

The Trade Act of 1974 prohibits *most-favoured nation treatment,* credit and investment guarantees and commercial agreements with *the Soviet Union so long as* their emigration policies fail to meet our criteria. . . .

This legislation, however, not only harmed our relations with the Soviet Union but it seriously complicated the prospects of *those* seeking to emigrate. . . . Remedial legislation is urgently needed to further our national interest.

With the People's Republic of China we are firmly fixed on the course set forth in the Shanghai communiqué. Stability in Asia and the world require our constructive relations with one-fourth of the human race. . . .

I will visit China later this year to reaffirm these interests and to accelerate the improvement in our relations.

# Algerians warm to President Giscard

From Charles Hargrove
Skikda, Algeria, April 11

More than 100,000 people of Skikda gave *President Giscard* d'Estaing, of France, an exuberant and vociferous welcome today. They lined the main street for nearly a mile, cheering and clapping rhythmically as he walked the whole distance with President Boumedienne, *under two triumphal arches of* greenery and flowers. The reception was conspicuously warmer than in Algiers yesterday, where it was pitched in a *deliberately low key by the Gov*ernment.

Conspicuous among the crowds both in Constantine, the third biggest city in Algeria, which was visited earlier, and here were thousands of schoolchildren, waving little paper flags, and trilling "Boumedienne, Giscard" or "Houri, Valéry", the two men's first names.

In the villages along the 60-mile route between Constantine and Skikda, everyone had *turned out to see the proces*sion of cars go by. In two of the villages, it stopped, to allow the two heads of state to walk a short distance.

Constantine is one of the two great centres of Islamic religion and culture in Algeria, magnificently situated on two hills overlooking a precipitous ravine, several hundred feet deep.

*President Giscard d'Estaing* inspected its impressive new university, located on a hill overlooking the new town. It was designed by Oscar Nie*meyer, the architect of Brasil*ia.

Some 9,500 students are already studying there, a number which will be doubled *when the university* and its technical institute are completed.

The university is not only an impressive achievement architecturally, but its teaching methods are entirely novel. Its aim is to integrate higher education and research in Algeria in the economic and industrial *development* of the country. Thus, for instance, it is taking part this year in the reafforestation of 40,000 acres of land in the *Constantine region, and* in the development of five model villages, within the framework of the new land reform.

At Skikda, the French President visited the biggest liquefied gas plant in the world with *an annual capacity of* 1,500,000,000 cubic metres of natural gas. The plant was constructed, half by the Algerian National Oil Company and half by the French oil company, Erap.

The first unit began producing in October, 1972, and the second and third units in October, 1973.

A fourth unit is being put up by a British firm and is due to be completed in 1976.

The whole complex, which exports liquefied gas to Europe, occupies an area of nearly 100 acres and has a *total capacity of production of* 3,900 million cubic metres of gas a year.

OVERSEAS

# 41 African nations to lighten squeeze on Vorster regime

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, April 11

The Organization of African Unity ministerial conference in Dar es Salaam, which ended today after a long debate on the terms of its final resolutions, has not ruled out future talks between black Africa and South Africa.

But the 41 nations represented at the conference agreed to prepare for an armed conflict by guerrillas and tighter economic measures against South Africa.

There has been considerable compromise, but the more moderate view of countries such as Tanzania, Zambia and Botswana has prevailed against the extreme group which includes Algeria, Uganda and Guinea.

The Dar es Salaam declaration reaffirms the determination of the OAU to achieve majority rule in Rhodesia, to end the South African occupation in Namibia (South-West Africa) and to create a non-racial society in South Africa.

Unqualified support is given to negotiations aimed at achieving majority rule in Rhodesia. Mr Vorster's undertaking to withdraw South African forces from Rhodesia by the end of May was crucial, stating that negotiation is the best prospect of achieving progress in Rhodesia, as long as Mr Vorster is serious about supporting the principle of majority rule in Rhodesia.

However, the declaration goes on to state that the goals in Southern Africa remain, and South Africa cannot buy time for itself by negotiating over Rhodesia and Namibia.

In fact, the declaration says the OAU accepts the view of the Southern Africa liberation movements that the whites have had little time to change their attitude on apartheid, and that armed struggle is the only course left.

While the conference left the way open for Zambia, Tanzania and Botswana to continue talks with Pretoria on Rhodesia, an OAU committee was set up to supervise efforts to procure the liberation of Namibia.

There was agreement on specific measures to increase economic and political pressure against South Africa, including withdrawal of migrant African workers from South Africa, which could be critical for South African industry.

Michael Knipe writes from Cape Town: Political circles in South Africa have greeted with some relief the OAU decision to allow further dialogue with the Republic over Rhodesia and South West Africa. There was a real fear here that African states might be forced to abandon all contact with the republic.

*Die Vaderland*, the pro-Government Afrikaans language paper in Johannesburg saw the OAU resolutions as a green light for détente—even if in a limited way—and said the resolutions displayed a spirit of realism in difficult circumstances.

The English-language *Johannesburg Star* said that for the first time black Africa had committed itself to dialogue with the republic. In Cape Town the English language *Argus* saw reason for cautious optimism and said the decision in favour of dialogue gave a new legitimacy and force to the secret diplomacy that had already achieved a great deal.

Kampala, April 11.—President Amin has called on President Kenyatta of Kenya and President Nyerere of Tanzania to meet him in Nairobi to discuss the East African Community, which links the three countries.

The community has declined markedly since General Amin took power in Uganda in January, 1971.—Reuter.

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Assistant Inspector Takao Iguchi at Heathrow airport yesterday. He is in Britain to study security in preparation for the Queen's visit to Japan next month.

# Shareholder sues firm in banana bribe case

From Peter Strafford
New York, April 11

A new suit has been filed against United Brands, the American conglomerate with interests in bananas, as a result of this week's allegations of bribes paid in Honduras and elsewhere. Mr Henry Neugarten, one of the corporation's shareholders, filed the suit in New York, claiming damages for himself and other shareholders.

The suit is expected to be the first of several. In it Mr Neugarten accuses United Brands of mismanaging its assets, and says that it will suffer a material loss in future earnings as a result of the Honduras bribe.

United Brands has been charged by the Securities and Exchange Commission with paying a bribe of $1,250,000 (about £520,830) to "high Government officials" in Honduras, said to be none other than General Oswaldo López, the President. It has also been accused of paying out $750,000 to officials of a European country, said to be Italy.

Among those sued by Mr Neugarten is the estate of Mr Eli Black, the former chairman of United Brands, who jumped from his 44th-floor office in New York last February. It was his death which set off the investigation into the corporation's affairs.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, April 11.—A Government commission, investigating charges that United Brands paid a bribe in exchange for lower banana export taxes, has put a travel ban on all those connected with the case.

Honduras imposed a $1 tax on every 40lb box of export bananas on May 1 last year, but the tax was reduced by January 1 to 30 cents. The Honduran Government has denied that the President received any bribes and the Council of Ministers appointed a special commission on Wednesday to investigate the scandal.—AP.

PARLIAMENT, April 11, 1975

# Lead in petrol: £100m a year for 10 years to put filters on cars

House of Commons

MRS JOYCE BUTLER (Harringey, Wood Green, Lab), moved,—"That this House calls for urgent action to be taken to reduce by all possible means preventible lead contamination of the environment, including a significant reduction in the lead content of petrol; to ensure effective monitoring of the environs of all factories engaged in processes with a possible health or safety hazard from lead, vinyl chloride, asbestos and petro-chemicals generally; and to ensure that information so produced is made publicly available in view of the danger of secrecy and the public right to the fullest possible information."

She said the effect of lead on health was a matter of increasing concern. It was horrifying to think of toddlers growing up in an environment where it was known that polluted dust was everywhere around them. Small children were particularly vulnerable to lead absorption. The Government should do something effective about reducing the lead content of petrol.

MR DENIS HOWELL, Minister of State for Environment (Birmingham, Small Heath, Lab), said the Government had recently widened the scope of the air monitoring programmes with a view to ensuring that they covered the kind of substances which might be released by modern processes.

His department was sponsoring a study, in cooperation with local authorities, of the levels of various pollutants, including heavy metals like lead and cadmium, in industrialized and non-industrialized situations. The study results would be published.

The Government were improving their knowledge, too, of what was put on to tips and what could be expected in future. An extensive survey was being carried out on the condition and content of all tips. The Government had also accepted the Royal Commission's view that the aura of secrecy which had tended to cloak information on these matters was counter-productive.

By far the greater part of man's intake of lead was through food and drink. It was reassuring to discover that the dietary intake of lead of the average person in the United Kingdom did not appear to have increased over the last 25 years.

The important thing was to waste water which had been standing in lead pipes overnight but the Government wanted to replace lead pipes as soon as they could. This was an aspect of their urban renewal programme to which they attached importance.

There had been monitoring programmes on the effect of lead emissions from cars. While there had been increases in the level of lead in the blood, which needed to be kept under constant watch, it was reassuring that the level of lead detected by these programmes gave no cause for alarm.

The Secretary of State for Energy had recommended that before there were any further reductions of lead in petrol a major review should be undertaken. The reason for that was that they had undertaken obligations to reduce the levels in November and this present level was 0.55 grams per litre. To reduce it further to 0.40 grams would cost £20m a year provided that at current prices other products of crude oil could be sold.

The Transport and Road Research Laboratory were carrying out a programme of research and development on special types of filter. The good news was that the work was proving encouraging and showing that these "traps" were capable of removing a large proportion of the lead present in exhaust gas. The bad news was that to require all cars to be fitted with these filters would cost about £100m a year and would probably take 10 years to achieve.

On the question of asbestosis, the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection were actively considering measures, including regulations, to improve protection.

On incidents at petro-chemical works, a major change in the processes used at a factory would require the approval of the planning authorities. This also required the maximum amount of information being made available to the public.

The Government had on more than one occasion impressed on local authorities the importance of taking into account the safety aspect of a proposed industrial development when considering planning permission and the danger to surrounding communities. Expert advice from the factory inspectorate was available to local authorities. The question of major hazards was being investigated as a matter of urgency by a committee of experts who would report to the Health and Safety Commission.

Detailed investigations were held into the Pitsea fatal incident by Essex County Council, police, Health and Safety Executive, and coroner. The department were confident that in that case all the necessary information would be available at the resumed inquest to establish exactly what happened and what should be done to prevent a recurrence.

They would consider this carefully and take any steps required to satisfy the public. No evidence at present suggested that the incident reflected a continuous danger to the population.

The motion was agreed to.

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# Power to defer sentence restricted

Regina v Gilby

Before Lord Justice James, Mr Justice Ashworth and Mr Justice Bristow

A court's power to defer sentence under section 1(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act, 1973, is restricted to the purposes of taking into account post-conviction behaviour, including reparation and change of circumstances of the offender, and its exercise for purposes other than those prescribed in the statute is invalid and can lead to great difficulty.

Lord Justice James so stated when giving reserved reasons for quashing a sentence of borstal training passed in December on John Thomas Gilby, now aged 19, at Durham Crown Court (Judge Gill), where he had been committed for sentence by Sunderland justices the previous month after they had deferred sentence on his plea of guilty last August to an offence of burglary at a shop from which he stole clothing and other items valued at £120.

Mr R. P. Lowden for the appellant; Mr Michael Worsley and Mr Graham Boal as amicus curiae.

LORD JUSTICE JAMES said that the appellant had a substantial record of criminal offences and could not complain if the justices had committed him for sentence in August and the Crown Court had sentenced him to borstal training. He had been given chance after chance and his history illustrated how hard the courts tried to avoid passing a custodial sentence on offenders even though they offended repeatedly.

The decision to defer sentence was taken for two, or possibly three, reasons: the court was uncertain as to the position in relation to outstanding fines; to afford the appellant an opportunity of settling down in employment; and to see what, if any, changes had occurred in his domestic situation.

The probation officer's report recognized the possible need for borstal training but suggested a deferred sentence. The fact that the court required more information about the fines was a good reason for which the court could have adjourned the case before sentence under section 14 (3) of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952—the justices did not act under that provision—but it could not give jurisdiction to defer sentence under section 1 of the 1973 Act. The power to defer sentence under the 1973 Act was restricted to the purposes of taking into account post-conviction behaviour, including reparation, and change of circumstances of the offender, and those purposes afforded a basis for the exercise of the justices' power to defer sentence. It followed that the deferment could not be called in question. However, the appeal afforded another illustration of the need for courts to exercise great care when considering the use of the statutory power to defer sentence. Exercise of that power for purposes other than the prescribed purposes in the statute was an invalid exercise of the power and could lead to great difficulty.

The appellant was committed to the Crown Court under section 28 of the 1952 Act with a view to his being sent to borstal. The Crown Court received a full report from the probation officer, who had known the appellant for a long time. It stated: "This fairly long report is quite favourable towards Gilby and deliberately so". In passing the borstal training sentence the judge said that, in view of the probation officer's report, it was not so plain a case for borstal as would have appeared in August, but, on the other hand, it had to be said that the borstal training report on the appellant was some indication that the regime was appropriate and he could benefit from it.

Mr Lowden argued on appeal that the sentence should be quashed on the grounds that it was invalid and wrong in principle—invalid because, having deferred sentence under the 1973 Act, a magistrates' court had no jurisdiction to commit the offender to the Crown Court for sentence; and wrong in principle because a substantial custodial sentence was not appropriate and was bad sentencing practice when sentence had been deferred and the offender's conduct and any change in his circumstances since conviction were reported to the court in favourable terms. Mr Worsley had supported both limbs of the argument for the appellant.

Their Lordships had no doubt that the construction of section 1 for which Mr Lowden, supported by Mr Worsley, contended was right. Once the justices deferred sentence under the statutory power they put it out of their power to commit the appellant to the Crown Court under section 28 of the 1952 Act, and the committal to the Crown Court was an invalid committal.

*Committal for sentence under* section 28 involved consideration of the circumstances of the offence and the offender's character and antecedents and the court forming an opinion that he should be detained for training for not less than six months. Committal for sentence under section 29 of the 1952 Act involved consideration of his character and antecedents and the court forming the opinion that they were such that greater punishment should be inflicted than the court had power to inflict.

In both instances the court was considering the present and past situation, not future conduct, not reparation and not change of circumstances after conviction. Under section 1 of the 1973 Act the court had regard to the character and antecedents of the offender and the facts of the offence and then looked to the future in relation to his behaviour and change of circumstances after conviction in the overall interests of justice. They were two contrasting approaches to the question what course the court should take in relation to the offender on his conviction.

The words "defer passing sentence" in the context of section 1 were apt to include all the powers of the justices exercisable in the final disposal of the case in their court but not their statutory power to commit the convicted person to the Crown Court for that court to dispose of the case. The commentary under the heading "sub-section 1. Defer Passing Sentence" in *Criminal Jurisdiction of Magistrates* by Brian Harris (4th ed. 1974, p. 147) did not state the law accurately.

It followed that the justices in the present case had no jurisdiction to commit for sentence to the Crown Court once the decision was made to defer sentence.

The proper approach was that justices should first consider whether the case was one in which they should pass sentence or whether they should commit for sentence to the Crown Court. If they decided that the case was appropriate for committal for sentence, no question of the justices deferring sentence would arise.

If they decided that the case was not one for committal for sentence, they would then consider which of the various methods of dealing with the offender that were available to them, including the power to defer passing sentence, was appropriate. If they decided that it would be appropriate in the interests of justice to defer passing sentence they had, before doing so, to obtain the consent of the accused.

The practice that should be followed was to obtain consent from the defendant personally, like an accused's consent to summary trial of an indictable offence or to the making of a probation order. A defendant, when consenting, did so on the basis that the court which deferred passing sentence would be the court, although not necessarily constituted of the same members, which would eventually pass sentence on him.

The committal being invalid, the Crown Court proceedings dependent on it were also invalid and the order for borstal training had to be quashed. Since the Crown Court had no power to pass any sentence their Lordships had no power under section 11 of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1968, to substitute a sentence for the quashed order.

The second limb of Mr Lowden's argument involved a question of principle and importance, although it was unnecessary for disposal of the present appeal. As a matter of principle a substantial custodial sentence was not appropriate after deferment under section 1 in a case in which the report to the court on the conduct and any change of circumstances of the offender after conviction was not unfavourable to him. The Crown Court was made aware of the true facts but decided the sentence on the basis of what the court thought the magistrates' court should have done in August. That was the wrong approach and, in the light of what had in fact taken place, the sentence was wrong in principle.

Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Appeals; DPP.

# Judge's duty to provide notes

*Liversidge v Liversidge*

Lord Justice Cairns, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Ormrod on a wife's application for leave to appeal from a decision of a county court judge in a matrimonial case, said that it was an extremely inconvenient course for a county court judge to decline to provide a note of his judgment or evidence until after notice of appeal had been given, as in the instant case. In order that counsel might settle a proper notice of appeal, and in particular where an application for leave to appeal was necessary, it was essential for the proper presentation of the case that a note of the judgment and evidence should be available. The court hoped that in the future that practice, followed in many county courts, would be followed in all.

# Destination must be given in exporting live animals

MR PEART, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Workington, Lab), made a statement on his inquiries into the allegations made in the BBC *Midweek* programme on March 20 concerning a consignment of sheep exported from England to France on March 12.

A thorough investigation has been carried out (he said), statements taken from all concerned, and discussions held with the French authorities. The evidence points clearly to a breach of the French rural law, and I have been informed that the French authorities have taken immediate action to prosecute those who had charge of the sheep and to prevent a recurrence.

There was no allegation that the British welfare regulations were broken, nor on present evidence is there reason to believe that the conditions of the export licence were breached.

The reporting of this incident has, however, drawn attention to a possible loophole in our export certification arrangements; and steps have already been taken (since April 1) to require exporters to declare in writing the exact final destination of each consignment of animals when applying for a veterinary inspection certificate.

Arrangements have also been made to maintain still closer liaison with the French authorities on every consignment of animals sent.

I am grateful that this matter has been brought to my notice at an early stage in the resumption of the trade and am ready to act immediately against any infringement of the welfare rules that is reported.

MR PYM, Opposition spokesman on Agriculture (Cambridgeshire, C)—What action are the French going to take to prevent a recurrence? Clearly things went wrong in France.

What the House was concerned about in the recent debate was that there should be a monitoring and overseeing of the whole of this trade to ensure that there would not be any infringements of the undertaking which he gave in good faith in that debate.

MR PEART—We and the French are concerned to fulfil obligations arising out of the Strasbourg Convention. We will make any checks as appropriate with any country and detailed checks are already in operation with the French. My chief veterinary officer has been to France and he is in touch with the veterinary services of all EEC countries and their cooperation is not in doubt.

MR BURDEN (Gillingham, C)—Is he not grateful for the work that the independent and impartial BBC team took in disclosing these breaches and the whole nation should be thankful for that?

What is happening about the individual who had the greatest number of licences and who, according to the BBC team, was well aware of the final destination of these sheep and actually inflicted violence upon a member of that team when he asked him particulars? This live trade is unnecessary and could be replaced by carcass trade.

MR PEART—I pay tribute to the BBC team. I watched that film and had it specially shown to me. They revealed something and I have acted on it.

I would not argue about the individual. The individual has not broken any law or any arrangements which we have made. I am not responsible for individual behaviour in relation to questioners from the BBC. I am dealing with the issues.

Trade to the Continent was a decision of the House. Each consignment is inspected by veterinary officers. Before the television programme 271 animals were rejected as unfit for export.

Since the programme six animals have been rejected in relation to two consignments. We are enforcing the regulations with great stringency.

# Influence of unions on MPs

MR LAWRENCE (Burton, C) moved: "That this House regrets the Government's lack of support for the rule of law."

He said too many ministers were frightened to offend their party sponsors by defending what they might know to be right. The Labour Party was over-dominated and controlled by those who advanced a political creed, and whose interest was to destroy the rule of law.

Many MPs were sponsored by trade unions and some unions had more influence over MPs than did others, and some unions were dominated by communists or communist sympathizers.

MR ALEXANDER LYON, Minister of State, Home Office (York, Lab) said the charge that Labour MPs sponsored by trade unions must be under the influence of those unions had been made more than once in the past and had never been proved.

The independence of many sponsored Labour MPs indicated that they had never ever been told to vote or act in the House in a way inconsistent with their consciences. As they were members of trade unions there were, of course, many times when their view of an issue was identical to that of the union concerned.

It was no more the case than those Conservative MPs who were directors of public companies who were necessarily affected in their judgment by that connexion. Some Labour MPs suspected otherwise but he did not make that charge.

House adjourned 4.30 pm.

# Democracy in Portugal

European Parliament, Luxembourg

A Resolution was carried which noted with concern certain negative features in the evolution of democracy in Portugal. The resolution appealed urgently to all democrats and to the competent authorities in Portugal to ensure that at the forthcoming elections the population was allowed to participate freely, that all citizens were assured of fundamental democratic rights and the will of the people was respected.

It stressed the influence which a positive democratic evolution in Portugal, based on free consultation of the people, might have on developments in European cooperation and even on the process of détente in Europe.

MR GLINNE (Belgium, Soc) said his group could not endorse the resolution. It was too easy to attack certain negative aspects in the democratic evolution of Portugal, isolating them from their true context and to omit reference to other disturbing elements. Portugal only belonged potentially to Europe.

Portugal had a chance of surviving with dignity if it transformed its economic and social structures and not only the political organization which was the result of 50 years of oppression.

LORD REAY (United Kingdom, C) said that it was an indispensable precondition of any closer links between Portugal and the Community that Portugal's system of government should be democratic. Portugal should know that her claims on Europe's good opinion and future offices would depend for the next stage on the degree to which the elections were conducted cleanly, openly, without intimidation and with honest supervision.

The next session will be in Luxembourg from April 28 to 30.

# Algrade signs nuclear pact with Moscow

Moscow, April 11.—Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union today signed an agreement to cooperate in nuclear energy.

They also signed two five-year agreements to increase Soviet purchases of Yugoslav ships and marine equipment and mutual deliveries of cars and motoring components. Both countries have Italian-designed car plants.

The signing came on the second day of a visit to Moscow by Mr Bijedic, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, and after talks with his Soviet counterpart, Mr Kosygin.

# New explosions in Kenya revive tension

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, April 11

An atmosphere of uncertainty and unrest has returned to Kenya after two explosions late last night in Mombasa, where President Kenyatta is staying.

One of the explosions damaged a passing car and injured its Asian driver. Despite intensive police activity, no arrests have been reported. Nor have any arrests been made for three earlier bomb explosions in Nairobi, one of which killed 27 people in a crowded bus station.

# Charles Darwin and Satan in Tennessee court case

From Peter Strafford
New York, April 11

Darwin and his theory of evolution have achieved another hard-won victory in Tennessee, a state in which they have long been into opposition. A federal appeals court has ruled against a new state law which aims to restrict the teaching of evolution.

Sitting in Cincinnati, Ohio, the federal court referred specifically to the famous case in 1925, known as the Monkey Trial, in which John Scopes was found guilty of violating Tennessee state law by teaching evolution.

The new law, it said, was "a modern version of the legislative effort to suppress the theory of evolution" which had produced the Monkey Trial.

The new law required school textbooks to describe evolution as no more than a theory, and not as scientific fact, and obliged them to include the biblical account of the Creation. It also forbade the "Teaching of all occult or satanical beliefs of human origin."

The main objection raised by the appeals court was that the law aimed to "accomplish the very establishment of religion which the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States squarely forbids". In 1974 as in 1925, this was the purpose of "establishing the biblical version of the creation of man over the Darwinian theory of the evolution of man".

The court also said that to forbid statanic teaching by law violated the constitutional guarantees of free speech and free press.

# Ottawa plan for wage-price curbs

From Our Correspondent
Ottawa, April 11

The Federal Government has proposed a programme of wage and price restraints aimed at curing Canada out of an increasingly serious economic state.

The programme, disclosed at federal-provincial conference of finance ministers by Mr John Turner, the Federal Finance Minister, is the result of a series of meetings the government has had in recent months with leaders of business, labour and the professions.

These discussions were designed to achieve a common view on how to curb excessive demands on the economy—which, Mr Turner told a news conference yesterday, are threatening to drive Canada "out of business".

Unemployment has now reached 7.2 per cent, seasonally adjusted, with 712,000 Canadians out of work.

Rising production costs have started to hurt the country's competitive position in world markets at a time when these markets are already "soft" because of the international economic slowdown.

Canada is particularly vulnerable to this type of squeeze, as more than any other industrialized country it depends on its exports for economic survival.

The finance ministers' conference followed a two-day meeting between Mr Trudeau, the Prime Minister, and the premiers of the 10 provinces, devoted to economic questions. The first ministers spent most of the time arguing over the price of oil, and in the end failed to reach agreement.

Under an agreement due to expire on June 30, oil sold in Canada is pegged at $6.50 a barrel—compared to a world price of about $12.

The Federal Government and Alberta, a major oil-producing province, put aside their differences over other aspects of resources policy to call for an oil price closer to the world level. However, this was adamantly opposed by a number of consuming provinces, led by Ontario.

Mr Trudeau told reporters that further efforts will be made to achieve an agreement, suggesting the possibility of unilateral federal action to raise the price if these prove unsuccessful.

In the past year, pay settlements in Canada have been running on average at about double the rate of those in the United States.

The Government's restraint programme calls for general acceptance of targets for slowing the rate of inflation, and acceptance of the targets as a basis for negotiating wages and salaries.

The benefits of increases in productivity would go primarily to low paid workers. Business firms would be asked to limit price increases to the amounts required to cover increased costs.

Increases in professional fees and rents would conform to the general programme. Some kind of watchdog agency would be established to monitor price and incomes increases.

Mr Turner emphasized that the proposal is a sketch, not a blueprint, and will be further refined in later talks with the provinces and private interests.

# Accused names to be secret

Wellington, New Zealand, April 11.—The names of people charged in New Zealand courts could be suppressed under a Bill approved by a committee of the House of Representatives.

The Bill would also prohibit publication of anything that might identify an accused. He could ask for his name to be published, however. The suppression would be lifted once a defendant is found guilty.

# Six more killed in Argentina

Buenos Aires, April 11.—Six more political killings were reported in Argentina today, raising the death toll from political violence this year to at least 150.

Three burnt and bullet-riddled bodies were found in a car in a Buenos Aires park, and a fourth, shot full of bullets, and with its hands tied was left outside the town of Lujan, 44 miles from here.

Other victims were a member of the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP), shot dead by police in the port city of Rosario, and the son of a banker; who was himself assassinated last year, found murdered in the university city of La Plata.

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A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected by appointment at All Saints Vicarage, Priory Road, Maidstone (Telephone No. Maidstone 54021).
A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church Commissioners' office.
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K. S. BYLL,
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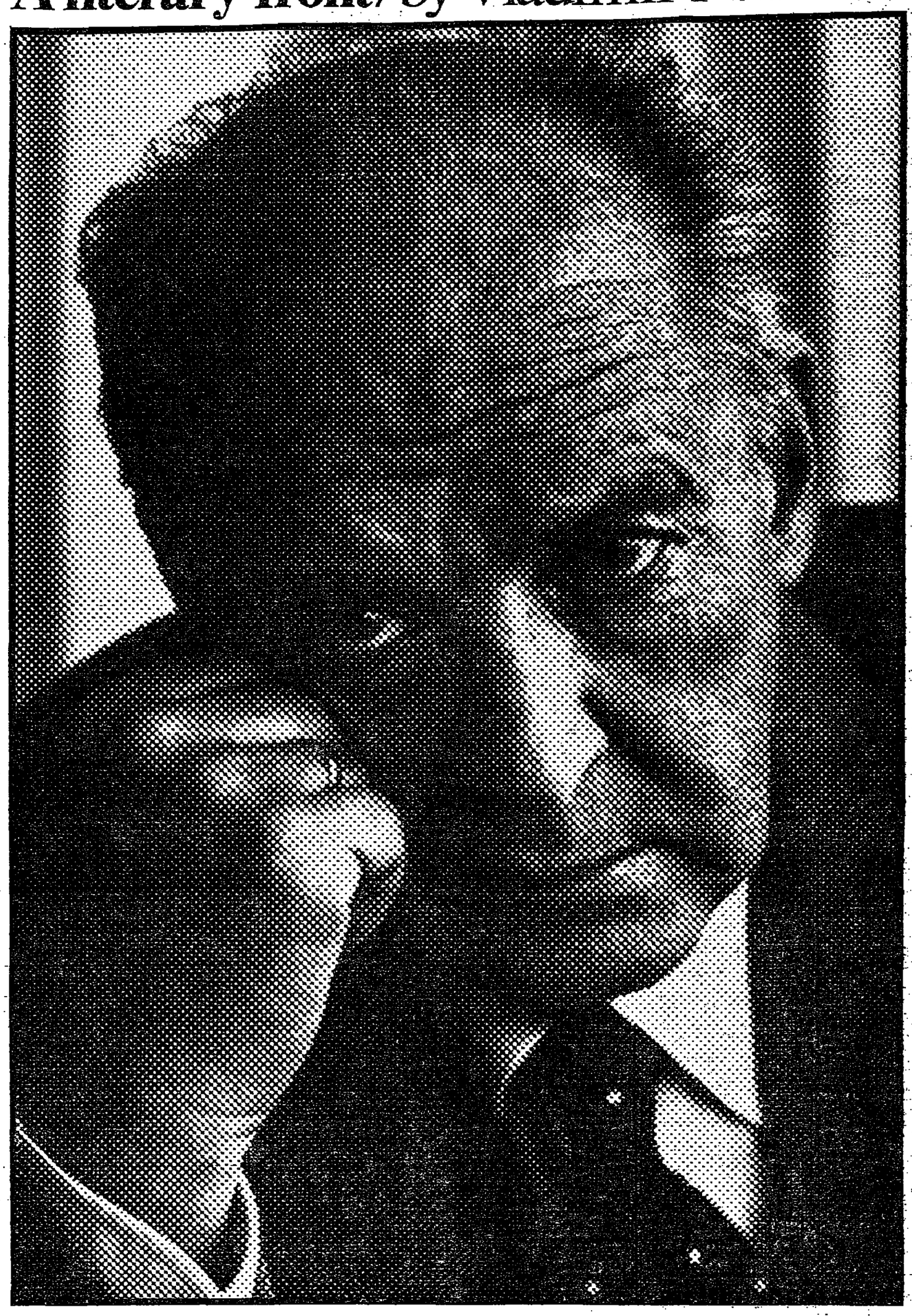
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THE TIMES
SATURDAY REVIEW

# A literary front/by Vladimir Nabokov



The "Boyan" publishing firm (Morozov's and mine was the "Bronze Horseman", its main rival), with a bookshop (selling not only *émigré* editions but also tractor novels from Moscow) and a lending library, occupied a smart three-storey house of the *hôtel particulier* type. In my day it stood between a garage and a cinema: 40 years before (in the vista of reverse metamorphosis) the former had been a fountain and the latter a group of stone nymphs. The house had belonged to the Merlin de Malaune family and had been acquired at the turn of the century by a Russian cosmopolitan, Dmitri de Midoff, who with his friend S. I. Stepanov established there the headquarters of an anti-despotic conspiracy. The latter liked to recall the sign language of old-fashioned rebellion: the half-drawn curtain and alabaster vase revealed in the drawing-room window so as to indicate to the expected guest from Russia that the way was clear. An aesthetic touch graced revolutionary intrigues in those years. Midoff died soon after World War One, and by that time the Terrorist party, to which those cozy people belonged, had lost its "stylistic" appeal as Stepanov himself put it. I do not know who later acquired the house or how it happened that Oks (Osip Lvovich Oksman, 1885?-1944?) rented it for his business.

The house was dark except for three windows: two adjacent rectangles of light in the *middle* of the upper floor row, d8 and e8, Continental notation (where the letter denotes the file and the number the rank of a chess square) and another light just below at e7. Good God, had I forgotten at home the note I had scribbled for the unknown Miss Blagovo? No, it was still there in my breast pocket under the old, treasured, horribly hot and long Trinity College muffler. I hesitated between a side door on my right—marked *Magazin*—and the main entrance, *with a chess coronet* above the bell. Finally I chose the coronet. We were playing a *Blitz* game: my opponent moved at once, lighting the vestibule fan at d6. One could not help wondering if under the house there might not exist the five lower floors which would complete the chessboard and that somewhere, in subterranean mystery, new men might not be working out the doom of a fouler tyranny.

Oks, a tall, bony, elderly man with a Shakespearian pate, started to tell me how honoured he was at getting a chance to welcome the author of *Camera*—here I thrust the note I carried into his extended palm and prepared to leave. He had dealt with hysterical artists before. None could resist his bland bookside manner.

"Yes, I know all about it", he said, retaining and patting my hand. "She'll call you; though, to tell the truth, I do not envy anybody having to use the services of that capricious, absent-minded young lady. We'll go up to my study, unless you prefer—no, I don't think so", he continued opening a double door on the left and dubiously switching on the light for a moment to reveal a chilly reading room in which a long baize-covered table, dingy chairs, and the cheap busts of Russian classics contradicted a lovely painted ceiling swarming with naked children among purple, pink, and amber clusters of grapes. On the right (another tentative light snapped) a short passage led to the shop proper where I recalled having once had a row with a pert old female who objected to my not wishing to pay for a few copies of my own novel. So we walked up the once noble stairs, which now had something seldom seen even in Viennese dream comics, namely disparate balustrades, the sinistral one an ugly new ramp-and-railing affair and the other, the original ornate set of battered, doomed, but still charming carved wood with supports in the form of magnified chess pieces.

"I am honoured —" began Oks all over again, as we reached his so-called *Kabinet* (study), at e7, a room cluttered with ledgers, packed books, half-unpacked books, towers of books, heaps of newspapers, pamphlets, galleys, and slim white paperback collections of *poems—tragic offals*, with the cool, restrained titles then in fashion—*Prokhlada* ("coolness"), *Sderzhannost'* ("restraint").

He was one of those persons who for some reason or other are often interrupted, but whom no force in our blessed galaxy will prevent from completing their sentence, despite new interruptions, of an elemental or poetical nature, the death of his interlocutor ("I was just saying to him, doctor—"), or the entrance of a dragon. In fact it would seem that those interruptions actually help to polish the phrase and give it its final form. In the meantime the agonizing itch of its being unfinished poisons the mind. It is worse than the pimple which cannot be sprung before one gets home, and is almost as bad as a lifer's recollection of that last little rape nipped in the sweet bud by the intrusion of an accursed policeman.

"I am deeply honoured", finished at last Oks, "to welcome to this historic house the author of *Camera Obscura*, your finest book in my modest opinion!"

"It ought to be modest", I said, controlling myself (opal ice in Nepal before the avalanche), "because, you idiot, the title of *my* novel is *Camera Lucida*".

"There, there", said Oks (really a very dear man and a gentleman), after a terrible pause during which all the *remainders opened like fairy-tale flowers in a fancy film*. "A slip of the tongue does not deserve such a harsh rebuke. *Lucida, Lucida*, by all means! *A propos*—concerning Anna Blagovo (another piece of unfinished business—or, who knows, a touching attempt to divert and pacify me with an interesting anecdote), I am not sure you know that I am Berta's first cousin. Thirty-five years ago in St Petersburg she and I worked in the same student organization. We were preparing the assassination of the Premier. How far all that is! His daily route had to be closely established; I was one of the observers. Standing at a certain corner every day in the disguise of a vanilla ice-cream vendor! Can you imagine that? Nothing came of our plans. They were thwarted by Azef, the great double agent."

I saw no point in prolonging my visit, but he produced a bottle of cognac, and I accepted a drink, for I was beginning to tremble again.

"Your *Camera*", he said, consulting a ledger "has been selling not badly in my shop, not badly at all: twenty-three—sorry, twenty-five copies in the first half of last year, and fourteen in the second. Of course, genuine fame, not mere commercial success, depends on the behaviour of a book in the Lending Department, and there all your titles are hits. Not to leave this unsubstantiated, let us go up to the stacks."

I followed my energetic host to the upper floor. The lending library spread like a gigantic spider, bulged like a monstrous tumour, oppressed the brain like the expanding world of delirium. In a bright oasis amidst the dim shelves I noticed a group of people sitting around an oval table. The colours were vivid and sharp but at the same time remote-looking as in a magic-lantern scene. A good deal of red wine and golden brandy accompanied the animated discussion. I recognized the critic Basilevski, his sycophants Hristov and Boyarski, my friend Morozov, the novelists Shipogradov and Sokolovski, the honest nonentity Suknovalov, author of the popular social satire *Geroy nashey ery* ("Hero of Our Era") and two young poets, Lazarve (collection *Serenity*) and Farruk (collection *Silence*). Some of the heads turned toward us, and the benevolent bear Morozov even struggled to his feet, grinning—but my host said they were having a business meeting and should be left alone.

"You have glimpsed", he added, "the parturition of a new literary review, *Prime Numbers*; at least they *think* they are parturiating: actually, they are boozing and gossiping. Now let *me* show you something."

He led me to a distant corner and triumphantly trained his flashlight on the gaps in my shelf of books.

"Look", he cried, "how many copies are out. All of *Princess Mary* is out, I mean *Mary*—damn *it*, I mean *Tamara*. I love *Tamara*, I mean your *Tamara*, not Lermontov's or Rubinstein's. Forgive me. One gets so confused among so many damned masterpieces."

I said I was not feeling well and would like to go home. He offered to accompany me. Or would I like a taxi? I did not. He kept furtively directing at me the electric torch through his incarnadined fingers to see if I was not about to faint. With soothing sounds he led me down a side staircase. The spring night, at least, felt real.

After a moment of rumination and an upward glance at the lighted windows, Oks beckoned to the night watchman who was stroking the sad little dog of a dog-walking neighbour. I saw my thoughtful companion shake hands with the grey-cloaked old fellow, then point to the light of the revellers, then look at his watch, then tip the man, and shake hands with him in parting, as if the 10-minute walk to my lodgings were a perilous pilgrimage.

"*Bon*", he said upon rejoining me. "If you don't want a taxi, let us set out on foot. He will take care of my imprisoned visitors. There are heaps of things I want you to tell me about your work and your life. Your *confrères* say you are 'arrogant and unsocial,' as Onegin describes himself to Tatiana but we can't all be Lenskis, can we? Let me take advantage of this pleasant stroll to describe my two meetings with your celebrated father. The first was at the opera in the days of the First Duma. I knew, of course, the portraits of its most prominent members. From high up in the gods I, a poor student, saw him appear in a rosy loge with his wife and two little boys, one of which must have been you. The other time was at a public discussion of current politics in the auroral period of the Revolution; he spoke immediately after Kerenski, and the contrast between our fiery friend and your father, with his English *sangfroid* and absence of gesticulation—"

"My father", I said, "Died six months before I was born".

"Well, I seem to have goofed again (*opyat' askandalisya*)", observed Oks, after taking quite a minute to find his handkerchief, blow his nose with the grandiose deliberation of Varlamov in the role of Gogol's Town Mayor, wrap up the result, and pocket the swaddle. "Yes, I'm not lucky with you. Yet that image remains in my mind. The contrast was truly remarkable."

I was to run into Oks again, three or four times at least, in the course of the dwindling years before World War Two. He used to welcome me with a knowing twinkle as if we shared some very private and rather naughty secret. His superb library was eventually grabbed by the Germans who then lost it to the Russians, even better grabbers in that time-honoured game. Osip Lvovich himself was to die when attempting an intrepid escape—when almost having escaped—barefoot, in blood-stained underwear, from the "experimental hospital" of a Nazi concentration camp.

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Clive Barnes/New York Notebook

# All a matter of taste

ne of the strangest aspects of
rallel but separate cultures
the manner in which dif-
rent culture figures are
ssessed. With Britain and the
nited States similarity of
ste rather than disparity is
e normal order of the day—
metimes even surprisingly.
ho would have imagined that
*onty Python's Flying Circus*
uld have become a kind of
derground cult in America,
re popular even than
*istairs, Downstairs*. Looking
Python's immortal coils it is
metimes difficult to see how
erican audiences can possi-
understand the various
erences to British subcul-
e, but the show appears to
er no difficulty. And yet it
s less than 30 years ago that
nk Films were dismissed in
erica because they were
penetrably difficult to un-
stand!

There are some differences.
ancis Bacon has just been
arded the rare distinction
a modern artist, of an exhi-
ion at the Metropolitan
seum. This has been most
thusiastically received, and
con has been given accolades,
led on all sides a "great"
st. But what is curious is
t a number of American
ics have taken the oppor-
ity to point to the paucity
great British artists.

ne writer—and this was not
pical—went so far as to sug-
t that apart from Bacon the
y previous British artists to
e achieved greatness were
ner and Constable. Well
u remembering that Whistler
American School here, such
nissal does seem a little
sh to, say, Hogarth, Gains-
ough, Blake or even a few
e recent figures. Yet
erica does not have a very
h regard for British paint-

gain the taste in plays
metimes varies sur-
ingly—surprisingly" only
ause it is so often virtually
rtical. *I am thinking for the*
ment of the strange case of
ward Bond.

ot all of Bond's plays have
n performed in New York,
most of them have even-
lly found their way here.
*ed* was staged by the Chel-
Theatre Company in Brook-
about five years ago. *Early*
*ning had a few perfor-*
ces by the La Mama
erimental theatre club. *The*
*row Road to the Deep North*
given a large scale produc-
at Lincoln Center, follow-
earlier stagings in Los
eles and Boston. *Lear*,
ch I have never seen
ough it was staged in New
en, and *Bingo*, oddly
ugh the only Bond play I
e ever caught in London,
have yet to be produced in New York. But recently *The Sea*, after its American premiere in Chicago earlier in the year, has just been given by the Manhattan Theatre Club.

So the New York picture of Bond is moderately complete. And the playwright's reputation does differ very markedly from that which he seems to *enjoy in London. Here he is* regarded as obscurantist, often almost pathologically concerned with a violence that is too obvious to have much in the way of symbolic interest, and generally speaking a flat writer.

Is this because of the way he has been staged in New York? From the earliest days of John Osborne most contemporary British playwrights have been produced in America in their original productions, often with their original casts. Bond is a marked exception, and no one seems quite to know why.

Yet the present production of *The Sea*, which has been directed by Robert Mandel, seems to have a great deal to commend it. John Heffernan as the crazed draper, and Grayson Hall as the only slightly saner lady of the manor, may not be potentially so oddly sinister as were Ian Holm and Vivien Merchant in the original London production (I am only guessing), but they are both very accomplished actors, and Mr Mandel did seem to catch the madness, eccentricity and menace that the playwright presumably aimed for. But not really with much result.

The play seemed inconclusive and puzzling—always on the verge of disclosure and always teasingly shying away from, if you like, *significance*.

Some of the scenes—a funeral service and the disastrous mishandling of the scattering of ashes on a windy cliff, or a rehearsal for some horrified village pageant based on *Orpheus*, seemed at the time really funny, but the humour had no true development. It was not being funny about anything—at least so it seemed to New York audiences. Do New Yorkers want something more literal than Londoners? Perhaps, although in its way the portrait of Shakespeare in the *sere and yellow that Bond provided in Bingo* was literal enough but I cannot see it proving madly popular in New York. No, there is some special tone to Bond that may have eluded American productions (although the Boston *Narrow Road* was exemplary) or perhaps it is a simple case of Bond being on the wrong wavelength with New York audiences and critics. How strange! Everyone liked his brother James so much.

One has always known that classic ballet companies—even those formed within our own lifetimes—were potentially, and even intentionally, permanent institutions, capable of outliving their original founder, inspiration and need. Dame Ninette de Valois in assessing her own work in founding the Royal Ballet, has always stressed the necessity of her being judged by history at least, on the work of her successors. But how about modern dance companies? Such groups were essentially the outpouring of a single creative spirit, an actual dancer who created roles for himself or herself, and, in a sense, surrounding disciples.

Can a modern dance company survive the death, abdication or retirement of its "*onlie begetter*"? In the United States our two senior modern dance troupes, the Martha Graham Dance Company and the Jose Limon Dance Company, are at present passing through such periods of transition on their way to *becoming permanent*, hopefully, permanent fixtures.

The Graham company is, of course, still directed by Martha Graham who is remarkably active and still completely in control of her company. She has retired from active dancing and is busy in reconstructing and reviving her repertory, as well as planning new works. The company will not have a New York season in the immediate future, although it is now embarked on a spring tour, in which it is dancing *Frontier* for the first time in many years, and it is expected that there will be one gala New York performance in June at the Uris Theatre. It will probably also play New York in December and there are strong rumours that it will be at Covent Garden, in honour of the American Bicentennial, next summer. It is also expected that Rudolf Nureyev, and possibly Margot Fonteyn, will appear with the company, although not necessarily in London. Miss Graham is planning a new work for Nureyev that is provisionally called *Lucifer*.

The Limon Company is in New York at the present time, having a season at the Harkness Theatre—the first time this dance theatre has been used in nearly a year. It proves to be very well suited for modern dance, if one can avoid looking at the hideous mural that dominates and disfigures the proscenium arch. It is a theatre so transfixed by its own bad taste that it is unjustly difficult to take seriously as a functioning theatre. However it has provided a good stage for the Limon.

When Jose Limon himself died at the end of 1973, just before the company was due to tour the Soviet Union for the first time, the prospects for the troupe looked bleak indeed. But it made the tour, and then, slowly, first under the acting artistic directorship of Daniel Lewis, and subsequently under the artistic directorship of Ruth Currier, a former senior member of the company who returned at the dancers' request to take over the reins, assumed the shape and substance of a permanent American dance institution.

The first night at the Harkness was marred by an injury to one of the company's principal dancers, Jennifer Scanlon, which necessitated a widespread re-arrangement of the programmes as well as the postponement of Miss Currier's own world premiere *Phantasmagoria. 1975*, in which Miss Currier herself, after an absence from the stage for many years, eventually replaced Miss Scanlon. The season has, however, proved successful, notably in the way in which it has demonstrated the staying power of the Limon Repertory and, indeed, the practicability of a major dance troupe existing that is not led by one of the great dance and choreographic figures, such as, of course, Limon, but also, for that matter, say, Paul Taylor or Merce Cunningham. It suggests that modern-dance institutions may prove to be more permanent than many of us at one time feared.



Edward Bond: Two reputations separated by the Atlantic.

Chess

# A tragic Fischer

ıust confess to having been
·e than a little surprised the
er day to see a contemporary
ɛr to Bobby Fischer's
nigma Variations". Such a
ht of musical fancy was un-
al, even unprecedented.
began to wonder whether I
: not present at the birth
new myth and, just as there
e been some who claim that
on wrote Shakespeare in his
re time, so my contemporary
: putting forward the sup-
ition that Bobby Fischer,
ing the interval between
ning the world champion-
) and avoiding the web of
spiracies spun by the
ısians and their fellow-travel-
, had set to and composed
ar's variations for him.
ıut clearly I had to search
per.
ıstonishingly, not even Ken
ssell had been able to dis-
n the Fischerian element in
ar's make-up. In the film,
ar makes no demands that
ry other composer should
confined to the diatonic
le. Nor does he exact that
he competes in a musical
nperition, it would require at
st two extra votes on the
t of the judges for a rival
gain first prize above him.
Nowhere, so far as I know,
es he or any other composer
ist that musical compositions
ould contain an unlimited
mber of movements.
Mention of Ken Russell
minds me that we have a
nderful subject for him in
at might be called "The Rise
d Fall of Bobby Fischer". By
accounts it would be more
genial to his art than Mahler
s. I bestow on him the idea
*atis, with the proviso that* I
t not at all sure whether this
rticular drama is an end.
It all depends on the nature
the play. If it is purely
ssical in form then we have
n someone dominated by an
eal that has become an obses-
n. Lured and entranced by
objective which at one time
must have deemed heaven-
nt, upon its attainment he
uld be driven to realize it
is in reality the malignant
an of a hostile Fate. This is
actly an ancient Greek
agedy and one can almost hear
e chorus intoning "Those
om the Gods wish to destroy
ey first make mad".
On the other hand, I am not
all sure that ancient Greek
agedy is up Ken Russell's
reet. Indeed, I prefer to think that the form of the drama is more formless, so to speak. What we are witnessing may well be a series of plays and instead of the Rise and Fall we have a tragical-comical-historical Life and Times of Bobby Fischer.

The first part shows his rise to fame as a young grandmaster. The second his abortive attempt on the World Championship culminating in the withdrawal from Soucse. The third would be rich in dramatic moments and would comprise his winnings and abandonment of the World title.

And the fourth? For a fourth there must be and one can only hope that it will be a development that favours the playing of chess by the former world champion.

I can at the moment envisage four possible courses of the fourth play. Number one, which is the least likely, is that Bobby Fischer, abiding by all the decisions of FIDE, will join in at the candidates' matches stage of the World Championship in 1977, as is his right as the former world champion. If he wins, then he challenges Karoov for the world title in 1978 when he will be in his middle thirties.

*Play number two* is suggested by Karpov's statement that he would still like to meet *Fischer in a match*. If FIDE sanctions this, then Fischer presumably would be the challenger and could then have no reason to rebel against the regulations as they stand at present. *Of this play* I can but say *credo quia absurdum est*. It is more likely than the first but still improbable.

What I think is most probable is play number three which has already been foreshadowed by Fischer's telegram last year renouncing the FIDE World Championship title. He may well still maintain that he is really world champion in his own right and embark on a series of matches with anyone ready to defy the FIDE regulations, possibly with Mecking or even Larsen.

Or, most melancholy course of all, he may imitate the great Paul Morphy who, some 120 years ago, retired to New Orleans where he went quietly mad, after his failure to get Staunton to play him a match and after the citizens of New Orleans refused to recognize him as an active lawyer. This would be just as sad a loss to the world of chess as Schubert's early death was so tragic for that of music.

Meanwhile, whether Fischer plays or not, chess still pursues its interesting course. Here is an entertaining game from this year's Moscow Championship, admittedly one on a lower level from that associated with Fischer, but for all that very attractive.

White: A. Monakov. Black: V. Tchekhov. Petroff Defence.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 | 5 KtxP | Kt-Q3 |
| 2 Kt-KB3 | Kt-KB3 | 6 KtxKt | BxKt |
| 3 P-Q4 | KtxP | 7 Kt-Q3 | Q-R4 |
| 4 B-Q3 | P-Q4 | 8 O-O | |

And not 8. P-KKt3, Q-R6; 9. KtxKt, Q-Kt7; 10. Kt-B6 ch, PxKt; 11. Q-K2 ch, B-K3; 12. Q-B1, Q-B6; when Black has the advantage.

8 . . KtxKt 9 QxKt

He takes this way so as to have the Queen ready to attack the Queen-side if Black now castles.

9 . . QxP

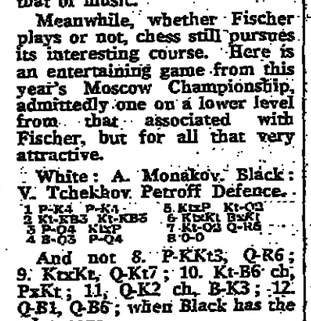
A rash capture which imperils the King. He should still have played 9. ., O-O-O; and if then 10. Q-R5, K-Kt1; or even 10. ., QxQP; 11. B-K3, Q-QR5; 12. QxQP, B-K3; *with equality.*

10 R-K1 ch K-Q1 12 Q-R5 B-QKt5
11 Q-Kt5 ch P-B5 13 P-B3 Q-Q8
14 PxB R-K1

If instead 14 . ., Q-B4; then 15. Q-B7, poses fresh problems to Black.
15 B-B4 P-KKt4

Accelerating the loss; comparatively best seems 15. ., P-B3.

Position after Black's 15th move



16 Q-B7 PxB

He is mated after 16. ., Q-B4; 17. RxR ch, BxR; 18. QxQBP.

17 QxP ch K-B1 19 Q-K6 ch K-Q1
18 RxB ch BxR 20 R-K1 Q-Kt5

This loses two pieces; after 20. . B-Kt3 "64" gives the following line: 21. Q-K7 ch, K-B1; 22. P-KR4, Q-Q7; 23. Q-B8 ch, K-Q2; 24. R-K7 ch, K-B3; 25. Q-B6 ch, K-Kt4; 26. RxBP etc.
21 Q-K7 ch
Resigns

Harry Golombek

Food

# It depends on the liver

This modest little menu makes no great demands on anyone's time or money. Serve it for a lunch or supper party when a light meal is suitable.

Chicken livers in red wine

Chicken livers are easy to buy now that they are packed separately and sold frozen in most supermarkets. Allow frozen livers to thaw completely before making this recipe.

*Serves 4*

1½lb chicken livers;
1 small onion
4oz butter
1 level teaspoon dried mixed herbs
1 slightly rounded tablespoon flour
Salt and freshly-milled pepper
½ pint red wine

Trim and separate out the chicken livers. Melt half the butter in a frying pan. Add the chicken livers and fry gently for 2-3 minutes, turning to seal them on all sides. Lift from the pan and keep hot.

Add the remaining butter and the finely chopped onion to the hot pan. Fry gently until the onion is soft but not brown. Replace the livers in the pan, add the herbs and sprinkle in the flour. Stir to blend the flour with the butter, then gradually stir in the wine and bring to a simmer stirring all *the time to get a smooth sauce*. Simmer for 2-3 minutes then check seasoning with salt and pepper. *Turn into a dish and* keep hot until ready to serve.

Oven cooked rice

Any recipe with a well flavoured gravy is perfect for serving with rice. If you follow this easy oven method for cooking the rice, the grains will be tender and fluffy and require no last-minute attention.

*Serves 4*

8oz long grain rice;
1 level teaspoon salt;
1 pint boiling water.

Measure the rice into a well buttered casserole. Add the salt and water and stir well. Cover the casserole with a lid and place in the centre of a moderate oven (350 deg F or Gas No 4) and bake for 40 minutes. During cooking the rice will absorb all the liquid and become soft and dry. When the rice is cooked, turn heat to lowest temperature until ready to serve, then add a nut of butter and fluff the rice up with a fork to loosen the grains.

*Rhubarb with bananas and rum*

Gentle slow cooking is required to keep cut up pieces of rhubarb whole and neat in shape. To bake them in the oven usually gives very good results.

*Serves 4*

1lb rhubarb;
4oz castor sugar;
Juice of 1 orange;
Pinch salt;
2 large bananas;
1 tablespoon rum.

Trim, wash and cut the rhubarb into 1 inch lengths. Place in a bowl, sprinkle over the sugar and add the squeezed orange juice and the salt. Leave for several hours or better still overnight, the sugar will drawn the juices from the rhubarb and no further liquid will be required for cooking.

Spoon rhubarb and all the juices from the bowl into a casserole. *Cover and place into* the centre of a slow oven (300 deg F or Gas No 2) and bake for 45 minutes or until the rhubarb is tender. Cool and then chill.

When ready to serve, peel and slice the bananas into a serving dish. Pour over the rhubarb and juices. Add the rum and serve with cream.

Katie Stewart

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Jean Simmons, Hermione Gingold
Joss Ackland in Harold Prince's
A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

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THE BLACK MIKADO
Previews from April 17.

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"NORMAN, IS THAT YOU?"

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| Monday 14 April 7.30 p.m. | THALIA MYERS piano; Helen Jennings Concert Agency | Schoenberg: Klavierstück Op. 33a; Liszt: Richard Wagner—Venezia; La Lugubre Gondola 1; Csárdás Obstiné; Schoenberg: Suite für Klavier Op. 25; Liszt: Sonata in B minor |
| Tuesday 15 April 7.30 p.m. | DAVID CAMPBELL clarinet; Andrew Ball piano; Young Musicians Series; New Era Int. Concerts | Schumann: Phantasiestücke Op. 73; Shostakovich: Preludes and Fugues Op. 87; Brahms: Sonata in F minor Op. 120 No. 1; Weber: Grand Duo Concertant Op. 48; Works by Arthur Benjamin and Stravinsky |
| Thursday 17 April 7.30 p.m. | SUSAN MILAN flute; JOHN HELEY cello; HAROLD LESTER harpsichord; Eric Hellczer con. dir. | The London Sonata Group; Sonatas by Boismortier, Vivaldi, J. S. Bach, Haydn, C. P. E. Bach, Devienne. Tickets £1.50. £1.00. 50p |
| Friday 18 April 7.30 p.m. | ELAN SICROFF American pianist | Mozart: Sonata in C major K.309; Thomas de Hartmann: In Memory of Gurdjieff: Journey to Inaccessible Places; 2 Nocturnes, Op. 84; Beethoven: Sonata in C minor Op. 111 |
| Saturday 19 April 7.30 p.m. | EVA GRAUBIN violin; ROBERTO BRAVO piano; New Era Int. Concerts | Beethoven: Sonata in F Op. 24 (Spring); Ravel: Sonata in G; Falla: Suite Populaire Espagnole; Cesar Franck: Sonata in A |
| Sunday 20 April 3 p.m. | KABI LARETEI Swedish pianist; New Era Int. Concerts | Nielsen: Theme and Variations Op. 40; Beethoven: Sonata in D minor Op. 31 No. 2; Chopin: Four Mazurkas; Bach: Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue S.903; Works by Grieg and Saeverud |
| Sunday 20 April 7.30 p.m. | COLIN PURBROOK TRIO piano, double bass, drums; TW Enterprises | London Jazz Piano Series; Eighth Concert; £1.25, £1.00, 75p, 50p |
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| Friday 25 April 7.30 p.m. | MANFRED FOCK piano; Liesl Stary Artists Management | Beethoven: Sonata in D minor Op. 31 No. 2; Schumann: Gesänge der Frühe Op. 133; Scriabin: Sonata No. 9 "Black Mass"; Debussy: Estampes; Shostakovich: Sonata No. 1 Op. 12 |

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# Broadcasting Saturday

Look—Mike Yarwood (BBC1 8.30) is a new series with Britain's best and funniest impressionist, and Thriller (ITV 9.0) starts a welcome new run with Gerald Harper as a photographer. A Legacy (BBC2 8.10) is a charming period serial while Them and Us (BBC2 9.0) probes the real Belgium. In Vision Special (BBC2 11.5) profiles Huw Weldon and in the usual glut of sport speedway in World of Sport (ITV 12.30) appears the best bet. I Love You, Alice B. Toklas (ITV 10.45) is Peter Sellers's worst film.—T.S.

## BBC 1

9.00 am, Barnaby. 9.15, Lassie's Rescue Rangers. 9.35, Why Don't You? 10.00, Homes from Home. 10.25, Camp Runamuck. 10.50, The Virginian. 12.00, Mr Deeds Goes To Town. 12.25, Weather. 12.30 pm Grandstand: 12.35, Football Focus. 1.05, World Championship Ice Hockey: Czechoslovakia v USSR. 1.30, Equestrian Cross Country from Chessington. 1.50, 2.20, 2.50, 3.20, Racing from Ascot. 2.35, 3.05, 4.30, Motor Racing from Silverstone. 3.45, Rugby League. 4.40, Final Score. 5.05, Tom and Jerry.
5.15 News.
5.30 Dr Who.
5.55 Dixon of Dock Green.
6.45 Film, Wreck of the Mary Deare, with Gary Cooper, Charlton Heston.
8.30 Mike Yarwood.
9.00 Cannon.
9.50 News.
10.00 Match of the Day.
11.00 That's Life.
11.40 World Amateur Latin-American Championship at the Albert Hall.
12.20 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES.—9.35-10.00 am, Teliffant. SCOTLAND.—4.55-5.05 pm, Sportsreel (and 5.25-5.30. 10.0-10.30) 10.30-11.00, Jokey: portrait of Herbert Byatt. 12.22am, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND.—4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard. 5.25-5.30, Northern Ireland News. 12.22 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

## Anglia

9.55 am, London. 9.45, Alphabet Soup. 10.10, Film: Hell Bent for Glory, with Tab Hunter. 12.00, Woody Woodpecker. 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.50, Film: The Seventh Dawn, with William Holden. 9.00, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Danger Man.

## Yorkshire

10.00 am, Cricket in the Middle. 10.30, The Beachcombers. 11.00, Lassie. 11.30, Cartoon. 11.35, Lone Ranger. 12.00, The Osmonds. 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.50, Film: Alfred the Great, with David Hemmings, Michael York. 9.00, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Kung Fu.

## Border

10.00 am, Cricket in the Middle. 10.25, Chess Masterpieces. 10.30, The Yellow House. 11.00, Film, The Tartars, with Orson Welles, Victor Mature. 12.30 pm, London. 6.15, Sale of the Century. 6.45, Border Sports Results. 6.50, Merrie Melodies. 7.05, Today Mexico. 7.35, Film, Mrs Sundance, with Elizabeth Montgomery, Robert Foxworth. 9.00, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, The Baron.

## Tyne Tees

9.30 am, Play Guitar. 10.00, Cricket in the Middle. 10.30, The Beachcombers. 11.00, Lassie. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.35, The Lone Ranger. 12.00, Woobinda. 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.50, Film: Alfred the Great. with David Hemmings, Michael York. 9.00, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Kung Fu. 12.10 am, An extract from The Buried Life, by Matthew Arnold.

## Scottish

10.05 am, Play Guitar. 10.30, Cricket in the Middle. 11.00, Musical Triangles; Rameau, Harpsichord. 11.30, Tales of Edgar Wallace: Return to Sender, starring Nigel Davenport, Yvonne Romain. 12.30 pm, London. 6.45, Film: None But The Brave, with Frank Sinatra, Clint Walker. 9.00, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20, Film: Tenafly.

## Grampian

11.30 am, Elephant Boy. 12.00, Isla's Island. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Woody Woodpecker. 5.45, New Faces. 6.45, Film: Duel in the Sun, with Jennifer Jones, Gregory Peck, Joseph Cotton. 9.00, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Police Story. 12.10 am, Evening Prayers.

## Ulster

10.40 am, Play Guitar. 11.05, Skippy. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.50, Des O'Connor. 7.20, Film, Day of the Evil Gun, with Glenn Ford, Arthur Kennedy. 9.00, London. 10.45, Film: The Feminist and the Fuzz, with David Hartman, Barbara Eden.

## BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University:* Ecological Sampling. 8.05, The Innocent Eye. 8.30, Foundation Maths. 8.55, R. M. Schindler. 9.20, The Chinese Revolution. 9.45, Jefferson the Architect. 10.10, Pure Maths. 10.35, Maths. 11.00, Entropy. 11.25, Zone Fossils. 11.50, Quantum Theory and Atomic Structure. 12.15 pm, Women in Two World Wars. 12.40, Two Yorkshire Families. 1.05, Computer Terminal—Olivetti. 1.30-2.00, Gardeners World. 2.10, Play Away. 2.35, Film: A Distant Trumpet, with Troy Donahue, Suzanne Pleshette, Diane McBain, James Gregory. 4.25, Monterey Jazz. 5.20, Money Programme.
6.05 Westminster.
6.35 News.
6.45 Oscar Peterson in concert.
7.10 Pot Black: Ray Reardon v Fred Davis.
7.35 Rugby: The Melrose Sevens.
8.10 A Legacy: Part 3.
9.00 Them and Us: Part 6, Belgium.
10.30 Film Night.
11.00 News.
11.05 In Vision Special: International Report.
11.55-1.25 am, Film: Night of the Big Heat, with Christopher Lee, Patrick Allen.
* Black and White.

## Granada

9.15 am, Cricket in the Middle. 9.40, Play Guitar. 10.10, A Big Country. 10.40, Cartoon. 10.45, Film: Think Fast Mr Moto, with Peter Lorre.* 12.00, Shang a Lang. 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.50, Film: Robin and the Seven Hoods, with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jnr, Bing Crosby, Peter Falk. 9.00, London. 10.45, Film: Companions in Nightmare, with Gig Young, Anne Baxter. 12.30 am, Douglas Fairbanks.

## HTV

9.40 am, Play Guitar. 10.05, Eastern Food. 10.30, Sesame Street. 11.30, Orbit. 12.00, Cricket in the Middle. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.35, New Faces. 6.35, The Six Million Dollar Man. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, Kung Fu. 9.00, London. 10.45, Film: The Man Who Could Cheat Death with Christopher Lee. 12.15 am, Weather.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except:—7.30-8.00, Carreg Filltir. HTV WEST.—As HTV.

## London Weekend

8.55 am, Cricket in the Middle. 9.20, Play Guitar. 9.40, Saturday Scene. 9.45, The Lone Ranger. 10.15, London Bridge. 10.45, Junior Police Five. 11.05, Once Upon a Star. 11.35, Tarzan. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Ice Hockey from Canada. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Beverley; 1.45, Market Rasen; 2.00, Beverley; 2.15, Market Rasen; 2.30, Beverley; 2.45, Market Rasen; 3.00, Beverley. 3.10, Speedway, Daily Express Spring Classic. 3.50, Half-time Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.10 News.
5.20 New Faces.
6.20 Film: David and Bathsheba (1952), with Gregory Peck, Susan Hayward.
8.30 Sale of the Century.
9.00 Thriller: If it's a Man Hang Up.
10.30 News.
10.45 I Love You, Alice B. Toklas (1969), with Peter Sellers.
12.30 am Reporter.

## ATV

9.15 am, Gardening Today. 9.45, Play Guitar. 10.10, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15 Sale of the Century. 5.45, New Faces. 6.45, Film: Devil at Four O'Clock, with Spencer Tracy, Frank Sinatra. 9.00, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Film: Alias John Preston, with Betta St John, Alexander Knox, Christopher Lee.

## Southern

9.15 am, Cricket in the Middle. 9.40, Play Guitar. 10.10, Play the Game. 10.35, Weather. 10.40, Woody Woodpecker. 10.55, Tarzan. 11.45, The George Scene. 12.15 pm, Southsport. 12.30, London. 5.20, The Champions. 6.15, Sale of the Century. 6.45, Film: Khartoum, with Charlton Heston, Laurence Olivier, Ralph Richardson. 9.00, London. 11.15, Kung Fu. 12.10 am, Southern News. 12.15, Weather. Guideline.

## Westward

9.55 am, Gardening Today. 9.20, Play Guitar. 9.45, Sesame Street. 10.45, Rock on With '45. 11.15, Tarzan. 12.05 pm, Cartoon. 12.25, Gus Honeybun. 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.50, Film: Solomon and Sheba with Yul Brynner, Gina Lollobrigida. 9.00, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Film: Rembrandt, with Charles Laughton, Elsa Lanchester. 12.45 pm, Faith for Life.

## Radio

1
6.00 am, News. Bruce Wyndham.† 8.03, Racing Bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Rosko. 1.00 pm, Johnnie Mathis's Top Twelve.† 2.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, John Peel.† 6.30, In Concert.† 7.30, As Radio 2. 12.33 am, Closedown.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester. 12.02 pm, Fred Astaire Story. 1.02, I'm Ken, He's Bill. 1.30-5.55 Sport, 1,500m only, including Soccer Special: Racing Special: 3.00, Humber Stakes. 3.30, Ascot 2,000 Guineas Trial. 3.00, Rouge Croix Stakes, 3.50, Holly Steeplechase. Motor Racing: preview of Daily Express International Trophy race: Cycling/Swimming, reports from Stockholm. 4.45. Sports Report. 6.03, Star Sound. 7.02, Hello Cheeky. 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.30, Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Europe 75: France. 10.45, Alan Dell.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Alan Dell.† 12.31-12.33, News.
† stereo.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Mehul, Rossini, Giuliani, Wolf-Ferrari.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.20, Concert, part 1: Haydn, Martinu.† 10.55, The Positive World. 11.10, Concert, part 2: Telemann, Stravinsky.† 12.02 pm, Tomasek, Tchaikovsky.† 12.55, News. 1.00, The Young Idea: Jerusalem Liberated—Gerusalemme Liberata by Tasso.† 3.00, Woman of Action: Cicely Roberts.† 3.00, Rossini, Faure, Glazunov, Ernest Tomlinson, Faure, Delibes.† 4.00, The Classical Guitar.† 4.30, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.15, Aeolian String Quartet. 1: Beethoven, Rainier.† 6.00, The Positive World. 6.15, Concert, part 2. Haydn.† 6.50, Il Tabarro: Opera in one act, music by Puccini.† 7.45, Critics' Forum. 8.30, Live from the Maltings, part 1: Leonard Bernstein, Malcolm Williamson, Delius.† 9.15, Pebbles on the Shore: Gillian Beer talks on Kingsley. 9.35, Maltings, concert, part 2: Falla, Granger.† 10.35, My Dear Palestrina: talk on Liszt.† 11.25, News.

4
6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming Today. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50-8.50, Today: 7.50, Keep Fit: Regional News. 8.00, News, Sportsdesk at 8.30 8.40, Today's Papers. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Correspondent. 9.30, The Week in Westminster. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, Stereo Release.* 1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions. 2.00, As Radio 3. 4.00, News. 4.02, 4th Dimension. 5.00, PM Report. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Robert Robinson: 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, These You Have Loved. 8.30, Play: Sword of Vengeance. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Lighten Our Darkness. 11.15, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore waters forecast.

BBC Radio London, local and national news, entertainment, sport, music. 94.9 VHF, 206 M.
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Capital Radio, 24-hour music, news and features station, 95.8 VHF, 194 M.

Radio

# Seeing both sides

"Nature or Nurture?" was the title of part two of a new eight part series *The Nature of Violence*, currently going out on "Study on Three" (Tuesdays), and of course, as one contributor immediately agreed, the answer to the puzzle is "both". But let the listener beware of such open-mindedness, for as the speaker went on to develop his theme it became clear that while he thought nature had a bit to answer for, the bulk of the responsibility fell on nurture—in proportion of perhaps 20:80.

It's a curious situation this—we seem to have a passion for such bi-polar questions which, not surprisingly get bi-polar answers. This is "seeing both sides of a question" and having done that, we reflect with some satisfaction that we have gone as far as can reasonably be expected of any adequately intelligent and civilized people. And yet, whoever heard of a question with only two sides? Sometimes it seems to me that what has two sides is not questions, but questioners; that the *human mind is an* organism which (by its nature?) is particularly well adapted to polarizing things.

However, supposing we can find a real, two sided question and—overlooking the possibility that such a question would have length and breadth but no depth—let's also suppose "Nature or nurture?" to be one such: do we know for certain what the two words mean?

People have been working away at the perception powers of infants so young that nobody—or at least no scientist—would concede that they had *any worth mentioning*. Many parents, in their tiresome unscientific way probably knew otherwise and it now appears that they were right: learning can be shown to start almost with birth. Or even before. The boundaries of nurture have been pushed back and one hears of this as a triumph for the nurturists.

Is it? Nurture is observable but is nature? The moment you can look at it, it has already become subject to nurture. It *is* hard—if *not impossible*—to get at in its essence. But that is not to say it plays no part or a small one. Yet one sees investigators stating boldly that its role is less, as if they had two measurable entities in front of them. In fairness to Mike Hartley-Brewer's programme, taken as a whole it opened out its theme so as to suggest difficulties and the most recent episode, "Individual violence" did the same: there was this girl—*such a gentle sounding person*—who threw her fractious baby across the room and killed it. You need more than two sides to deal with that.

This is a series worth following, if you can conquer its twin *handicaps of wavelength* and times (medium wave only at 7 pm). There's another one on Mondays which looks like being every bit as good: *Village Prospects* has just started and in another six programmes will *continue to look* at various contemporary styles of English village life. Fascinating stuff; what about that new publican and his wife who modernized the pub? The darts team walked out in a huff and still to this day they do not know quite why it was all taken so amiss.

Then there's the street lighting war . . . it's all intensely interesting, alive, and entertaining too. Listeners who occasionally wonder what became of our old friend the Intelligent Layman *keep an eye on* "Study on Three". That's where he's hiding.

The competition offered recently by Radio Four is *Where your Treasure is*, a programme about tax havens presented by *Brian Redhead and even* he could not do much to enliven it. What goes wrong with this kind of theme? Is there too much concern for information, too little for its interesting implications? "Study on Three" might take this subject on six parts, making it an investigation into wealth and why we're all so sure it's disreputable and even those who have *it feel* ashamed of themselves. Title: *The New Criminals*.

The best of Radio Four of late has, as it so often does, avoided the dangerous and tendentious present in favour of the *safe and distant past . . . The Trial of Thomas Becket* was a repeat of Nesta Pain's script and production of 1969. A fine cast (Robert Hardy, Michael Hordern, Lee Montague) responded suitably to dialogue which was live and had a ringing touch of period. Charlotte and Denis Plimmer also did well with *Napoleon aboard HMS Bellerophon*; based on a contemporary journal, it gave a vivid, rather touching account of those last days before the Emperor—now a mere general—was carried off to St Helena, all the fight gone out of him.

On Radio Two of a Sunday I have been taking in *The People's Service*, which, particularly in that unlikely context, proves to *be a remarkably substantial con*tribution to serious broadcasting in general and religious broadcasting in particular. Each week some divine selects a timely theme and fills out his commentary—usually a thoughtful one—with actuality and interview and song. Good Friday's special number was untypical—a pretty solid sermon from the vicar of Morriston, Swansea; but there, the Welsh do like a good sermon. What with this and Jimmy Savile's *Speakeasy* (now back on Radio One) the inquiry part of radio religion seems to have abandoned Radio Four, leaving it in the main in a bit of uplift and the traditional observances. Radio Three's Tuesday play was Ken Whitmore's *Jump*, about a lad who meets a talking mole (Wilfred Pickles) who warns him that unless the population of the world all jumps up in the air at once, its crust will cave in and that will be that. An apt fable for our time and in many ways an attractive one; dimin*ished however by a certain and* perhaps unavoidable whimsy.

David Wade

# Sunday

Charles Aznavour (BBC2 8.15) presents the Gallic charmer singing along with Twiggy while a little later André Previn (BBC2 9.5) conducts a performance of Shostakovich. The Way to the Stars (BBC1 8.15) is a moving wartime film but Revenge is My Destiny (ITV 7.55) is a run of the mill television offering. Omnibus (BBC1 10.15) zooms in on British short films, The Brothers (BBC1 7.25) continue on their mundane way but The Master of Ballantrae (BBC1 5.35) reaches its exciting climax.—T.S.

## BBC 1

9.00-9.30 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.00, Kontakte. 10.30, Family Communion. 11.30, The 60, 70, 80 Show. 12.00, I See What You Mean. 12.25 pm, before the Ark. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Parents and Children. 1.50, News. 1.55, Mr Benn. 2.10, Disney Cartoon. 2.20, Film, Carefree, with Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers. 3.40, Wonderful World of Disney. 4.25, Daily Express International Trophy Race. 4.55, Blue Peter. 5.35, The Master of Ballantrae: part 6.
6.05 News.
6.15 Anno Domini.
6.55 Songs of Praise.
7.25 The Brothers.
8.15 Film, The Way to the Stars, with Michael Redgrave, John Mills.
10.05 News.
10.15 Omnibus: The Grierson Award.
11.05 Middle East: From the *Ocean to the Gulf*.
11.28 Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional programme variations as BBC 1 except:
BBC WALES.—12.25-12.50 pm, Dewch i Siarad. 3.40-4.25, Rugby Union: Welsh Youth v French Youth. 4.55-5.20, Tomorrow's World. 5.35, Tom and Jerry. 11.28, News. SCOTLAND.—11.28 pm, Scottish News. NORTHERN IRELAND.—11.28 pm, Northern Ireland News.

## Yorkshire

10.00 am, Words of Life. 10.30, Malcolm Muggeridge. 11.00, London. 11.30, Play Guitar. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Farming Diary. 1.40, Calendar Sunday. 2.00, Football Special. 3.00, Film: The Bedford Incident, with Sidney Poitier, James MacArthur.* Eric Portman, Richard Widmark.* 4.40, London. 7.25, Film: Mister Moses, with Robert Mitchum, Carroll Baker. 9.30, On the Buses. 10.00, London. 11.15, Maude.

## HTV

9.35 am, Sunday Quiz. 10.00, London. 10.40, From Plainsong to Pop. 11.00, London. 11.30, The Beverly Hillbillies.* 12.00, Weekend World. 1.05 pm, Farming Diary. 1.30, Cartoons. 1.45, Husband of the Year. 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, Film, Hunted, with Dirk Bogarde, Kay Walsh.* 4.40, Golden Shot. 5.35, Discovery. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film, Butterfield 8, with Elizabeth Taylor, Laurence Harvey. 10.00, London. 11.15, The Unguarded Moment. 11.45, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES. As HTV except: 6.15-6.30, The Published Word. 6.30-7.00, Credaf. HTV WEST. As HTV.

## Border

10.00 am, Words of Life. 10.30, Malcolm Muggeridge. 11.00, London. 1.10 pm, Border Diary. 1.15, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 1.40, Farming Outlook. 2.10, Football. 3.05, Film: The Millionairess, with Peter Sellers, Sophia Loren. 4.40, Golden Shot. 5.35, Woody Woodpecker. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: The VIPs, with Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor. 9.30, New Who Do You Do? 10.00, London. 11.15, About Britain.

## Tyne Tees

9.35 am, Yoga for Health. 10.00, Words of Life. 10.30, Malcolm Muggeridge. 11.00, London. 11.30, Roving Report. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Farming Outlook. 1.40, Gardening. 2.10, Shoot. 3.05, Film: Let's Do It Again with Jane Wyman, Ray Milland. 4.40, London. 7.25, Film: The King and I, with Deborah Kerr, Yul Brynner. 10.00, London. 11.15, UFO. 12.10 am, Now I Belong to Jesus.

## Ulster

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Cricket in the Middle. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.20, Tarzan. 2.10, The Big Match. 3.15, Grue. 4.15 Golden Shot. 5.05, Catweazle. 5.35, Discovery. 6.05, London. 7.55, Ulster Sports. 7.58, Film: The Quiller Memorandum with George Segal, Alec Guinness. 9.50, Cartoon. 10.00, London. 11.15, Musical Triangles.

## BBC 2

7.40 am-1 pm, Open University: Optical Microscopy. 8.05, Energy Distribution in a Gas. 8.30, Ions in Solution. 8.55, Sulphuric Acid. 9.20, Biotechnic Community. 9.45, The Coal Face. 10.10, 1944 and After. 10.35, Regional Analysis: Lancashire. 11.00, Ford Interview (2). 11.25, School and Society. 11.50, Electricity and Magnetism. 12.15 pm, Maths: Matrix Transformations. 12.40, Analyzing Social Interaction.
6.15 News Review.
6.50 What's It All About?
7.25 The World About Us: Gaucho.
8.15 Charles Aznavour.
9.00 News.
9.05 André Previn.
10.05 Film: Tomb of Ligeia, with Vincent Price.
11.25 Closedown.

## Granada

9.30 am, Checkmate. 10.00, Words of Life. 10.30, Witness to Yesterday. 10.55, Cartoon. 11.00, London. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, The Smith Family. 1.35, Out of Town. 2.10, Football. 3.05, Film, I'd Climb the Highest Mountain, with Susan Hayward. 4.40, Golden Shot. 5.35, Discovery. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: A Farewell to Arms with Rock Hudson, Jennifer Jones. 10.00, London. 11.15, Strange Report.
* Black and white.

## Grampian

11.00 am, London. 11.30, The Unguarded Moment. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Farming Outlook. 1.40, Chan. 2.10, Scotsport. 3.25, Cartoon. 3.40, Film: Donald of the Colours. 4.40, Golden Shot. 5.35, Arthur of the Britons. 6.05, London. 6.15, Your Point of View. 7.00, Stars on Sunday. 7.25, Film: Cheyenne Autumn, with Richard Widmark, Karl Malden, Edward G. Robinson. 10.00, London. 11.15, Police Surgeon. 11.45, Evening Prayers.

## Westward

10.00 am, Words of Life. 10.30, Malcolm Muggeridge. 11.00, London. 1.10 pm, World Fishing. 1.30, Farm and Country. 2.00, Call Out. 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, Film, Don't Ever Leave Me, with Jimmy Hanley, Petula Clark.* 4.40, Golden Shot. 5.35, Cartoon. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film, Sands of the Kalahari, with Stanley Baker, Stuart Whitman, Susannah York. 10.00, London. 11.15, Orson Welles. 11.40, Faith for Life.

## Radio

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6.55 am, Tow Day. 7.00, News. 7.03, Douglas Reeve. 8.03, Cliff Richard. 8.32, Ed Stewart. 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Dave Lee Travis. 5.00, The Story of Pop: Part 16. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00 First. 7.30, Semiprini. 8.30, Sunday Half Hour. 9.00, Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.02, Brass and Strings.† 11.02, Sounds of Jazz. 12.00, News. 12.31 am, Weather.
† Stereo.

2
6.55 am, As Radio 1. 10.02, David Jacobs.† 11.30, Service. 11.55, Good Listening. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites. 2.02, Hello Cheeky. 2.30, Two's Best. 3.30, Thanks for the Memory. 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 5.55, Good Listening. 6.00, As Radio 1. 7.02, I'm Ken, He's Bill. 7.30, As Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Cimarosa, Vivaldi, Handel, Bach.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Villa-Lobos, Britten, Takemitsu, Holst, Saint-Saens.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.15, Boston Symphony Orchestra Concert: Beethoven.† 11.55, Words. 12.00, Concert: Part 2. Ligeti, Brahms.† 1.05 pm, Lasalle Quartet: Mozart, Webern, Beethoven, Ravel.† 2.35, Netherlands Wind Ensemble: Strauss.† 3.00, Pompeo Magno: Opera in three acts, music by Francesco Cavalli: Act 1. 4.15, Interval Reading. 4.25, Pompeo Magno: Acts 2 and 3.† 6.20, Talking About Music.† 6.50, Schoenberg Conducts: Pierrot Lunaire. 7.30, Play: At the Gate, by Jonathan Raban with Elizabeth Proud, Frances Jenior, Peter Marinker.† 9.00, Concert from Glasgow: Part 1. Mozart, David Blake.† 9.50, Interval Reading. 10.00, Concert: Part 2, Ravel, Debussy.† 10.45, Sounds Interesting.† 11.25, News. 11.30, Closedown.

4
7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Sunday Reading. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday Papers. 8.15, Sunday. 8.50, Programme News. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, Sunday Papers. 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, The Archers. 10.30, Service. 11.10, Week's Good Cause Appeal. 11.15, Motoring and the Motorist. 11.45, From the Grass Roots. 12.15 pm, You and Yours. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World This Weekend. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play: The Mask and the Face. 4.00, News. 4.02, A Lifetime of Music with John Amis. 4.30, The Living World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your Way. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, If You Think You've Got Problems. 7.00, News. 7.02, Round Britain Quiz: London v Midlands Round 1. 7.30, In Praise of God: For the Risen Life. 8.00, From the Mailings: Music to Remember. 9.00, News. 9.02, Bronze Stages: part 4. Further Stages. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, This Island Now. Part 5. 11.00, Epilogue. 11.15, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore Waters Forecast.
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## London Weekend

10.00 am, Words of Life. 10.30, Sunday Quiz. 11.00, Mr Smith Meets the Planners. 11.30, Addams Family. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Rock on With 45. 1.45, Out of Town. 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, The FBI. 4.15, The Golden Shot. 5.05, Black Beauty. 5.35, Discovery: In a Monastery Garden.
6.05 News.
6.15 Your Point of View.
7.00 Stars on Sunday.
7.25 New Who Do You Do?
7.55 Film: Revenge is My Destiny, with Chris Robinson.
9.45 Police One Five.
10.00 News.
10.15 Affairs of the Heart.
11.15 London Programme.
12.15 am, Albert Schweitzer.

## ATV

10.00 am, Service. 10.30, A Home of their Own. 11.00, London. 11.30, Cricket in the Middle. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Riptide. 2.10, Star Soccer. 3.10, Film, Blue Murder at St Trinians, with Terry-Thomas, George Cole, Joyce Grenfell. 4.40, Golden Shot. 5.35, The Count of Monte Cristo. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film, Cheyenne Autumn, with Richard Widmark, Carroll Baker, Karl Malden. 10.00, London. 11.15, What the Papers Say. 11.30, The Gospel in Song. Weather.
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## Southern

10.00 am, London. 10.30, Meet Malcolm Muggeridge. 11.00, London. 11.30, Weather. 11.33, Farm Progress. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Once Upon a Star. 1.45, Survival. 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, New Faces. 4.15, Golden Shot. 5.05, Southern News. 5.10, Yogi's Ark Lark. 6.05, London. 7.05, Film, The Moving Target, with Paul Newman, Lauren Bacall. 10.00, London. 11.15, UFO. 12.10 am Weather. Guideline.

## Anglia

10.00 am, London. 10.30, Choirs of the World. 11.00, London. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Police Surgeon. 1.35, Weather. 1.40, Farming Diary. 2.10, Match of the Week. 3.00, Film: Man Against the Sun, with John Bentley, Zena Marshall. 4.15, Golden Shot. 5.05, Tarzan. 6.05, London. 7.55, TV Movie. 10.00, London. 11.15 Survival. 11.45, The Bible for Today.

## Scottish

11.00 am, London. 1.10 pm, Farming Outlook. 1.40, Larry Looks Lightly. 2.10, Scotsport. 3.25, The Protectors. 3.55, Glen Michael. 4.40, Golden Shot. 5.35, Elephant Boy. 6.05, London. 7.25, Barnaby Jones. 8.20, Film: The Picasso Summer with Albert Finney, Yvette Mimieux. 10.00, London. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20, The Adventurer.

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Thursday 17 April 8 p.m. — LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Evgeny Svetlanov (cond) Janet Baker (mezzo-soprano), Brahms Symphony No. 3 in F Chausson Poème de L'Amour et de la Mer Debussy La Mer £3.50, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 L.S.O. Ltd.

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Sunday 13 April 7 p.m. — THE SCHOLARS Brown Herrick Songs, Op. 51 (1971), Salzedo Cuatro Cantigas (1975) (1st perf) Wordsworth Adonais, Op. 27 (1974) Walker Song Cycle for 5 Voices (1974) (1st London perf). Salzedo 4 Madrigals (1974) (1st perf) £1.10, 85p (all others sold) Ibbs & Tillett

Monday 14 April 5.55 p.m. — CONCERT PLATFORM 7th in a series of talks arranged in collaboration with Morley College (7). Dr. ROBERT SIMPSON will speak on Bruckner Symphony No. 7 in E (24 April RFH). An informal discussion will follow the talk. 35p Royal Festival Hall

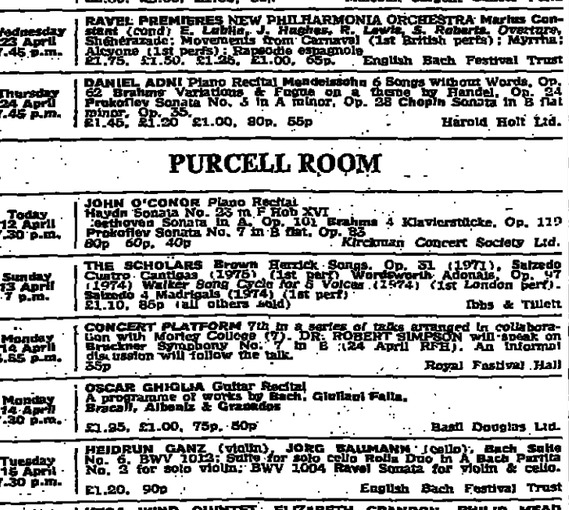
Monday 14 April 7.30 p.m. — OSCAR GHIGLIA Guitar Recital A programme of works by Bach, Giuliani Falla, Brouwer, Albeniz & Granados £1.95, £1.00, 75p, 50p Basil Douglas Ltd.

Tuesday 15 April 7.30 p.m. — HEIDRUN GANZ (violin), JORG BAUMANN (cello). Bach Suite No. 6, BWV 1012; Suite for solo cello Reger Duo in A Bach Partita No. 2 for solo violin; BWV 1004 Ravel Sonata for violin & cello. £1.20, 90p English Bach Festival Trust

Wednesday 16 April 7.30 p.m. — VEGA WIND QUINTET, ELIZABETH CRANDON, PHILIP MEAD (piano duet) Nielsen Wind Quintet, Op. 43 Leing Scherzando for 4 hands (1st perf) Milhaud Suite d'après Corrette Part Wind Quintet (1st part) Schubert Fantasia, D.940 Patterson Comedy for winds. 70p, 50p 30p R.A.M.

Thursday 17 April 7.30 p.m. — LINA LALANDI (Clavichord), Robert Spencer (lute & voice). Bach Suite, BWV 996; 12 Little Preludes: Works by Couperin, 17th Century English lute songs & lute solos by Dowland, Rosseter, Campion £1.50 (all others sold) English Bach Festival Trust

Friday 18 April 5.55 p.m. — FLAMENCO—A LOST TRADITION? A talk by LINA LALANDI with musical illustrations from great singers of the past: Niña de los Peines, Tomas Pavón, El Tenazas, Manuel Torres, Juan Talega, Antonio Chacón 60p English Bach Festival Trust





# Solid gold Gingold

Sheridan Morley



Photograph by Harry Hess

Miss Hermione Gingold is an original: a 100 per cent solid gold eccentric. She's also her own invention and contribution to the twentieth century. The proud possessor of a face that has clearly launched a thousand jokes and a voice that makes Edith Evans's Lady Bracknell sound positively suburban, she is happily among us once again, this time for the launching at the Adelphi next Tuesday of *A Little Night Music*, the Hal Prince/Stephen Sondheim musical in which she's been starring for the past two years on Broadway.

For London she's joined by Jean Simmons (in the part created by Glynis Johns), Joss Ackland and an all-British cast which she views as a mixed blessing:

"It's all very different here, you know, but the audiences at previews have been gorgeous and it is certainly a happier company than the one in New York where I had certain—shall we say—differences with one of my co-stars. But when we first opened on Broadway I knew we had a show which would mean more in London: in it I have a song about 'liaisons' and 'tiny Titians' and the Americans seldom understood a word of it."

What the Americans do understand, though, is Miss Gingold: she's been living in New York now for the best part of 20 years and in that time has built up an admiring army of cabdrivers and construction workers who are apt to shout "Hi Herman" as she passes.

Born 77 years ago and christened Hermione Ferdinanda ("you hardly thought I'd *changed* my name to that, did you?") she came of wealthy parents who lost their all on the *stock exchange in her childhood*. At the age of 10 she went on the stage ("would you believe as the Herald in *Pinkie and the Fairies*?") and was for a while *all set for a neo-classical career*; as early as 1914 she was playing Jessica in *The Merchant of Venice* for the Old Vic, and through the nineteen twenties *she was to be found at Stratford* as well as in such London successes as *If* and *Little Lord Fauntleroy*. Along the way she married and divorced two distinguished husbands, first the publisher Michael Joseph and then the songwriter Eric Maschwitz:

"They're both dead now, dear, and I hardly think of them at all. I've lived alone for years though I hardly ever think of myself as single; mind you, I hardly ever thought of myself as married even when I was, which caused a certain amount of trouble. Neither marriage was much of a success.

"Lovers? Yes, a good many; last time I had a cold I tried to make a list of their names and it put me to sleep faster than counting sheep. But living alone makes one very selfish; now that I'm over 21 I prefer not to have living-in lovers; people who make their lives revolve around me make me terribly giddy.

"Anyway, I'm very happy now; I've been engaged for years to a very nice French-Canadian antique dealer called Baudoin Mills, and also to Peter Bull. It's a permanent engagement for all three of us and we have no plans to marry since none of us thinks it will work out.

"In any case, there are tremendous difficulties about me; I can't bear flying, for instance, which meant that coming to London from New York took Baudoin and me three weeks via Spain and Paris. There were storms and I had to be lashed to the mast, which was lovely, but then at last we reached France and travelled on the Blue Train to Paris and that was lovely, too. Did you know they still had a Blue Train?"

There are few things Miss Gingold does not know, or has not tried at least once; until last year, however, she had never appeared in opera.

"Then the phone rang and a nice young man from the San Francisco company, which is the only one that makes any money, said how would I like to sing in *The Daughter of the Regiment*? I said that would be nice, but I'd expect a knight in shining armour to meet me at the station. Sure enough, when I arrived there was some poor singer on a horse all done up in metal.

"I had only one line in the libretto. I had to say 'Hello, this is my daughter'. Well, that didn't seem worth having come all the way from New York, so when I complained to the director he said as it was a very short opera, anyway, I could write myself a little scene, so I did and *Time Magazine* said they couldn't tell where Donizetti stopped and Gingold started.

"On all the posters for the company it said 'Guest Artists: Sills, Price, Gingold", and against my name there was an asterisk and down the bottom of the poster it said, 'American Operatic Début'. Oh, it was lovely. I wonder if they'd have me now at Covent Garden?"

But Miss Gingold is, alas, lost to us forever: she'll only be in *A Little Night Music* for a brief season before returning to her dog in Manhattan: "It can't be left alone for long, and my maid complains if she has to stay in with it every night, but you can't leave a dog alone, can you? Anyway I'm really much happier in America *these days*; they let me do so much more—I'm still waiting for them to offer *Hamlet*.

"Coming back to London I find a little sad—so many friends dead, so many buildings torn down. In New York everything's still there. I suppose it all began with the war really, when we were doing all those little revues and the audience was full of GIs and I knew from them that I'd like America. It was the revues that got me away from the classics: I'd been at the Gate Theatre in the Thirties and when they were in trouble for money they wanted someone to sing and do sketches, so I said I could and there we were.

"Anyway, after the war I began to find London unbearable—it was always linked in my mind with fear and I thought, 'if only one could look up at the sky and not half-expect bombers'. So then I was asked to do a revue in New York and off I went, on a boat with a lot of the GI brides. When we landed there were some American boys to meet me and they took me to Rumpelmayer's and I had three banana splits and was sick.

"But they're still good to me, the Americans; they let me narrate *Peter and the Wolf* with the Cleveland Symphony and you can't ask more than that. They don't just regard me as a funny lady the way the English still do.

"The best thing about *A Little Night Music* is that I *think we have a success*—after all it's really an operetta and very European—and the last time I was on the stage here seven years ago it was in a *disaster, so it'll be nice to hear* some applause.

"I only do the things I enjoy, you know; I've always been a very chintzy lady, careful about money, and I only ever work when I think it's a good script. Even *Oh Dad, Poor Dad* by Arthur Kopit which did badly here was a pleasure to act because it was such a good play.

"Retire? No, dear, never. Why should I? What would I do? No, there's a lot still waiting for me. Like my autobiography, which I'm still trying to get published here—it's called *Sirens Should be Seen and not Heard* and it's hilarious and I can't imagine why it hasn't been snapped up."

At that moment the phone rang: "Hello, Darling, still married?" said Miss Gingold without drawing breath. Then she inquired who was speaking.

## A Family and a Fortune
Apollo

### Irving Wardle

A glance down the cast reveals that a great deal has been invested in this production. It is a big salary list to find in the midst of the commercial stage recession. However intriguing the task of dramatizing the novels of Ivy Compton-Burnett, I suspect that the key factor is the chance they give to West End actors. The West End excels in artificial comedy, and since the death of Joe Orton nobody has been writing it. In Julian Mitchell's adaptation of *A Family and its Fortune* we get the equivalent of a new play, coupled with a performance to be relished like Congreve. It is an investment in style.

Like its author's other works, the piece is embalmed in Edwardian England and shows dynastic politics operating in one upper middle-class household. There is Edgar Gaveston, *solidly entrenched with his wife* and children. On the sidelines are his brother Dudley, who comes into a fortune, and his sister-in-law Matty, who seeks shelter in the lodge of his estate. It is from those two discontented characters that the action develops: Dudley wants esteem, Matty wants to rule the roost. As always, the theme is tyranny, but in this case it is the story of a displaced tyrant.

The tone of Alan Strachan's production is instantly conveyed by Margaret Harris's set (is this the first time she has detached her name from the firm of Motley?): three blank brocaded flats with doorways disclosing identical walls beyond, and downstage a pebble path that crunches loudly whenever the action ventures outside. Reality outside the house, museum-like artifice within.

The mummified family assemble for breakfast, exchanging ritualized comments on food, sleep, and the weather.

It has been a very unsettled day: three pairs of eyes turn and glare accusingly at the audience. A letter is delivered: good heavens, Aunt Matty wants to move into the lodge. There follows a detailed discussion of what rent she should pay from which one concludes that only heartlessness can yield such an articulate command of the English language.

Miss Harris then drops a doll's house inside the main set, thus paving the way for Matty's superbly aggrieved response to such a domestic come-down. Margaret Leighton presents this querulous cripple with a peremptory force that one can only compare to Lady Bracknell. She is a witch, a bully, an opportunist, armour-plated behind the knowledge that style renders her invulnerable.

Alec Guinness, meanwhile, is launching Dudley on his vengeful course; first thawing into euphoric smiles and the prospect of his fortune, and then stiffening into a figure of wintry retribution when his fiancé is snatched away by the elder brother who always wins.

Guinness expresses hostility through a display of sulphurously correct behaviour, adopting a manner of aggressive self-abasement and unbending only to deliver little lurching hand-shakes. It is deeply British and it makes British manners look as alien as the Japanese.

These performances, like those of Nicola Pagett's outspoken Justine and Rachel Kempson as her mother, unswervingly avoid psychology and pleas for sympathy. "To understand is to forgive", Compton-Burnett wrote somewhere, "and that would spoil everything."

The company is there to deliver its superbly sharpened pin-pricks and to keep up a shining front of cold, unforgiving candour. It happens that the evening also involves betrayals, two deaths and a flight into the winter snow. But it is the sound of delicate insults, delivered to the summons of a dinner gong with Greek tragic overtones, that will impale this production in the memory.

## Are You Being Served?
BBC 1

### Derek Parker

*Someone, somewhere must even* now be polishing up his thesis on the inside leg measurement joke in English dramatic fiction. As for me, having looked at the first episode of *Are You Being Served?* some time ago, I had concluded that once you had heard one, you had heard them all. The first thing to be said is that I was quite wrong. I had missed the telephonic inside leg measurement joke which was deployed last night and was funny only because it was performed by John Inman, whose outrageous Mr Humphries—camp as a row of pink tents and delivering his lines with a heart-rending, eager innocence—is of enormous value to Lloyd, Croft and Knowles (not the owners of the department store in which the series is set, but the authors).

Nothing much seems to have changed since the first episode, and for regular viewers one would have thought that the basic jokes—last night we had the Y-front joke, the falsies joke, and the "take down your underwear, Mrs Slocombe" (misunderstood instruction, Mark One) joke—must surely be wearing a little thin. But that is the difficulty of a series set in a department store, which confines itself to the clothing department; and probably it is insuperable.

What is worrying is that, as I was complaining a couple of weeks ago of *Last of the Summer Wine*, farce depends for much of its fun on remaining, however tenuously, plausible. While Mr Humphries's most outrageous lines could just possibly be spoken by him, the same is not true of Mrs Slocombe, whose coarseness would not be tolerated for a moment (and this is no criticism of Mollie Sugden's delicious performance). Similarly, the goosing last night of the upright, dignified Captain Peacock by a workman was the kind of cheap laugh that devalues any real humour that may be about. The situation devised for the instalment was believable, and there were even some sharp pieces of observation; but the easy, familiar, safe, boring jokes usually won.

On Wednesday night there was a particularly good episode of *Summer Wine*, inventive, funny and just contriving to stay on the credible side of fantasy. *Are You being Served?* is rougher stuff altogether, but would be funnier if, to coin a phrase, it tempered its hilarity with a modicum of reserve.

## The Night Dances
Round House

### John Percival

Joseph Scoglio's new work for Ballet Rambert is described in the programme credits as being "taken from" Sylvia Plath's poem of the same name, thus confirming what one would have guessed anyway, that *The Night Dances* are intended to convey something specific to the onlooker. But what?

The six dancers are first seen hidden beneath a large black veil. Bob Smith is the first to emerge. Wearing white tights and a long straggly black wig with a dramatic widow's peak, he explores the stage in slow, balancing movements. Eventually he wakens the others by crouching to embrace each in turn. Their tights, men's and women's alike, are blue below and pink above the bustline. All the cast have heavy blue patches on their faces, which (like their costumes) are spangled with small sequins.

Now Smith watches while the others dance, mainly in an agitated mode. Towards the end he joins in, wearing Julia Blaikie round his neck like a boa while the musical accompaniment takes on a risible likeness to Luigini's *Ballet Egyptien*. Finally they all walk slowly off stage into a bright yellow light which might perhaps be dawn.

Bob Downes's score is specifically written but has an independent title, *Spiroids*, and seems to me not particularly helpful. The composer plays brief wind solos and, with an assistant, sounds faint chimes at intervals during a presumably recorded base which repeats monotonously its groans or bumps. Scoglio derives no pulse or impetus from it, so the energetic steps, the jumps, spins and slides of his choreography lack the impact they deserve. Dancing either in silence, or to music of more character, might have compelled him to a stronger rhythmic development.

Even then, the problem of meaning would have arisen. The poem which inspired the ballet is vague in its mixture of images, but Scoglio has compounded its obscurity. He must know what he intended to convey, but nothing specific comes across, at least to me. The result is that it looks like a private rite from which the spectator is being excluded.

## City Music Society
Goldsmiths' Hall

### William Mann

When the City Music Society commissioned Robin Holloway to compose a new song-cycle for their concerts, he chose to write four short cycles, one each for soprano, alto, tenor and baritone, asking that they *might be performed in the con*text of concerted vocal ensembles for the same singers and pianist. He also, I gather, helped to determine the groups of Brahms, Schumann, Chausson and Fauré which interspersed his songs at their first performance on Thursday by Wendy Eathorne, Rosanne Creffield, John Elwes, and Brian Rayner Cook, with Stephen Ralls as their pianist.

The selection of works by other composers need not be always respected. Holloway's cycles do not comment on other music, as he did in an earlier work inspired by Schumann's *Liederkreis*. Nor are they so united in content that a singer could not perform one cycle by itself, though the processes of composition are similar. In these days, when new songs for voice and piano are scarce, I imagine that solo recitalists will be glad to take the cycle for their own voice into their concert repertory.

It can further be generalized that the four cycles cultivate a recognizably homogeneous musical style in the tradition of English song, though the range of stimulating references to earlier English music varies quite widely from one cycle to another, matching (I infer) Holloway's creative attitude to each voice and choice of poetry for it.

Thus the soprano's two songs draw on Wallace Stevens and Christina Rossetti, and are florid and melismatic in the tradition of Tippett, whereas the contralto work uses Jacobean poems and suggests, now or then, the lutenists, or Purcell (or, on the way to 1971, Peter Warlock) and is rather simpler though still difficult to sing and play—the piano parts are all virtuoso by nature, the vocal ranges attentive to extremes of compass.

None is a narrative cycle but all are musically cyclic, with a special tendency to intertwine the settings of individual poems, using contrast to emphasize the particular atmosphere of the song which was interrupted before returning for completion. The music of each cycle runs continuously; there is only one pause between songs, and no "Ich grolle nicht" to extract for separate performance. The whole idea is ingenious and intelligently elaborated, giving musical pleasure. If in the end the listener is incompletely satisfied, that may be because the exercise is interesting but not essential, interpretative rather than purely creative. The distinction is particularly fine in this case; next time the scales may tip otherwise.

Travel

# Weekend Bath



Circular Roman bath at Bath

*In the present economic* climate, perhaps in the knowledge that most people will not be able to afford the fortnight's holiday they have become used to, or their now customary trips abroad, many British hotel groups or tour operators have been introducing shorter breaks, or weekend trips. I have sampled only two of the many. As newspapers come out on Mondays journalists do not often get "normal" weekends.

Midway through an attack of 'flu which had all the symptoms of galloping consumption was perhaps not the best time to try out British Railways Golden Rail Three Day Breather. But I did. These go to 11 different centres in the United Kingdom and I chose Bath. What my trip included was first class train fare from London, a reserved seat on the train, a voucher for a taxi to and from the station and hotel and breakfast and an evening meal for three days.

It was raining but that does not destroy the charms of Bath. I was anyway seeing the city through my own watery haze, and it didn't take me long to decide that if I had to die of 'flu, it was far more comfortable in the hotel I was staying at, the Beaufort, than it would have been at home. Bath is an excellent centre for the non-motorist, regardless of the weather. If it rains there are the Roman baths, the costume museum, the pump room, the theatre (I went to see Alec Guinness and Margaret Leighton in *A Family and a Fortune* which came to London this week). The bus services are good—it is easy to get to Wells, or Priddy for an excellent lunch at the Miners Arms.

The hotel was not a thing of beauty. It is two years old, and although made of Bath stone, resembles a vast concrete slab. But inside it is attractive and comfortable with a good restaurant. I reckoned that the trip was excellent value for money and it could have been even better if, for example, I had been able to leave London on Thursday morning and return late on Sunday. At £27.50 (including fares) a person it was one of the dearer three-day breathers. They come as cheap as £11.50 in Plymouth and as dear as £38 in Aberdeen, plus fares, of course.

More for those with cars (Stratford station is closed on Sunday) was the weekend I had at Stratford-upon-Avon. This works out at £11 a night at the Arden Hotel or £13 at the Hilton. For that you get one night's bed and breakfast (any night of the week) and a voucher towards dinner, a tour of Stratford's Shakespearian sites and—this is the lure—a ticket to the theatre (without the bother of booking).

I enjoyed Twelfth Night and stayed at the Hilton. If you can stand Ye Olde Hilton New World style, the food was good though buried under the usual Americanese which is used to describe a perfectly respectable piece of meat. The Arden is more homely and right by the theatre. These trips will continue through the summer season and *Henry V*, *Henry IV* parts one and two and *The Merry Wives of Windsor* are this season's plays. Anyone who doesn't mind eating before the theatre—and that means early in Stratford—can do much worse than eat in the theatre's own Bankside restaurant which is inexpensive and sound.

Working in London I naturally haven't tried spending the weekend there, but most hotel groups have special terms for weekenders which are worth knowing about. Trust House Forte, for instance, offer "Bargain Breaks", which include nine London hotels offering bed and full breakfast for either Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday. Sunday as an extra day comes at half the rate which varies from £11 per person for the two nights at the Barkston Hotel to £21 at Quaglino's or the St George's Hotel.

Grand Metropolitan Hotels give a choice of 21 hotels in London and their prices for two nights including rail fares from many towns in the United Kingdom. I can't give any prices here because it all depends on where you live.

Similar all-in rail and accommodation weekends are offered in London by Hightime Holidays, the hotel offshoot of J. Lyons. A two-day weekend at the Strand Palace, for example, costs £19.40 from Brighton or £29.90 from Glasgow. Trust House Forte, Grand Metropolitan and Hightime do, of course, offer similar packages.

It really is worth looking into all these "bargains" and booking them before you travel, because hotels do not always offer them to casual visitors. Here are a few addresses for details:

Your Guide Friday Services for the Shakespeare trip, 1 Shakespeare Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

Golden Rail Three-Day Breathers from railway stations, or Golden Rail, PO Box 12, York YOL 1YX.

Trust House Forte has reservation offices around the country. If there isn't one in your area the London office is 71-75 Uxbridge Road, London W5 5SL. Telephone 01-567 3444.

John Buckingham, Grand Metropolitan Hotels, Stratford Place, London W1A 4YU. Telephone 01-629 6618.

*Hightime Holidays*, 66 Hammersmith Road, London W14 0PA.

**Margaret Allen**

Music festival

# Is El Salvador musically in Europe?

Having, in the words of one of its few serious guide-books, "recently come out of centuries of relative hibernation and entered into the turbulent life of the twentieth century", El Salvador is currently engaged in demonstrating to the hilt its allegiance to the cultural precepts of modern living. In July this smallest and most overcrowded of the Central American republics will play host to Miss Universe, that ultimate proof of the muscular superiority of transatlantic womanhood. Meanwhile the Salvadorans have been toning up, both aesthetically and organizationally, with a music festival, the fourth to be held in the local capital, San Salvador, and a strictly Europeanized affair of orchestral symphony concerts and solo instrumental recitals. While it is just possible that such events do not closely touch the 70 per cent or so of the population who, despite the visible influx of United States capital, still live at near-subsistence level on small plots of land held in quasi-feudal tenure, the local press have been in expansive mood over the significance of this latest festival. "The event", wrote *Cultura y Pueblo*, "will ensure that for a fortnight the focus of American—we dare almost say world—attention will be San Salvador."

Such hyperbole has a gruesome tendency to express the character of the thing represented as well as the manner of representation. But in this case the exaggeration is off the mark. Although, like all extremely poor countries, El Salvador would like nothing better than a dose of good foreign publicity with its attendant advantages in the matter of foreign exchange, the music festival is in fact a genuinely national event, aimed principally at catering for the needs of the inevitably music-starved locals. This point is reflected not only in the actual character and atmosphere of the concerts, but in such incidentals as ticket-prices, which, though high at the smart suburban Teatro Presidente, were derisory at the Teatro Libertad, in the heart of San Salvador's depressed downtown area. At the Presidente, where about half the concerts were held, the audience had much of the air of a colonial elite enthusiastically reclaiming its European artistic heritage. But at the Libertad the enthusiasm was much less partisan, much more spontaneous and infectious.

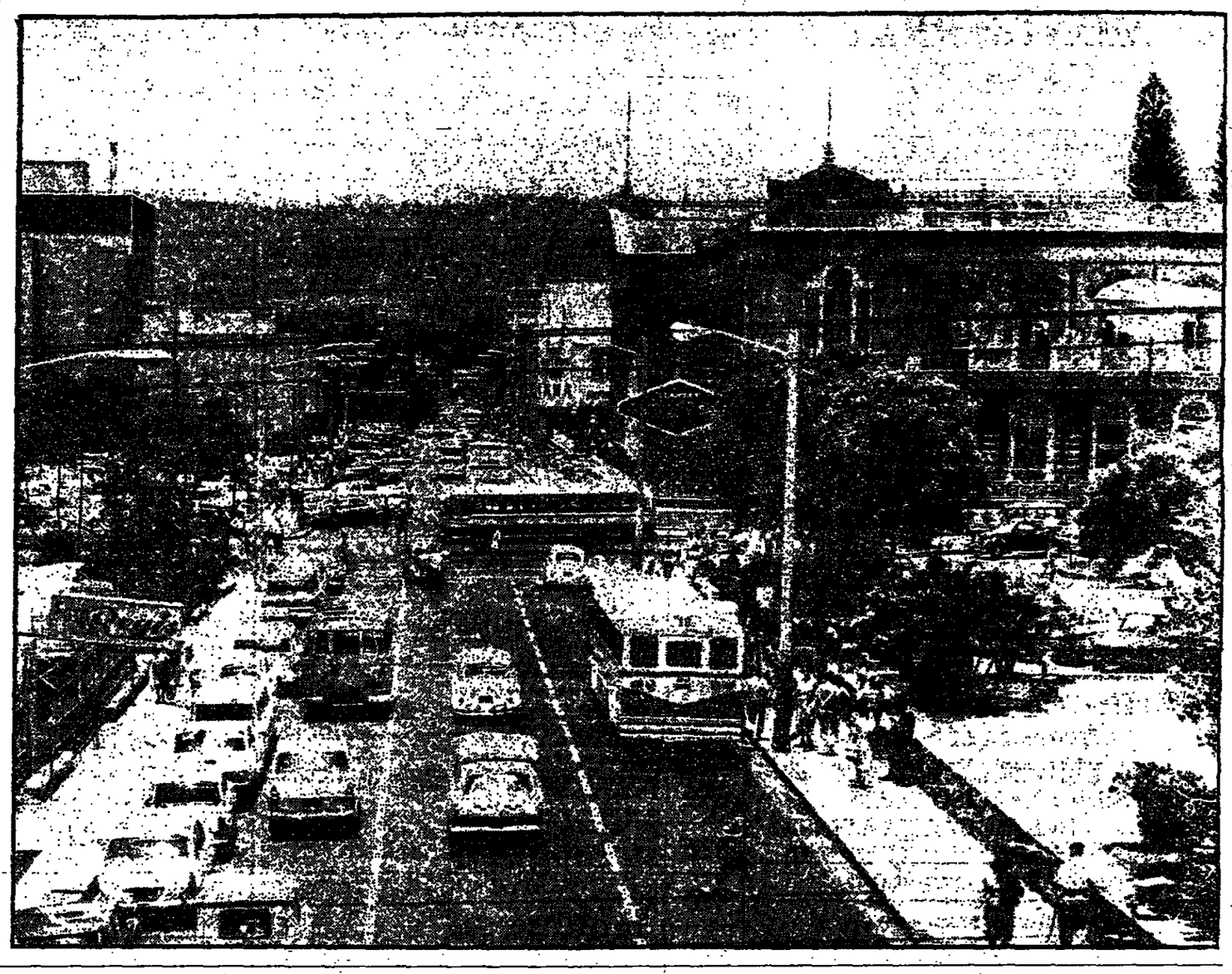
This fact would have appealed to the original patron of the Salvador Festival, Pablo Casals, who conducted his own oratorio, *El Pessebre*, at the very first festival concert in the Teatro Libertad in 1967. Since then Casals's sometime associates—Alexander Schneider, Isaac Stern, Jaime Laredo and Eugene Istomin, who gave two piano recitals this year—have been prominent among the festival's visiting artists. But the festival has also done something to bring forward local musicians, even if this year artists from neighbouring Guatemala were more in evidence: notably a brilliant marimba-player, Morales Matus, and a composer-conductor, Jorge Sarmientos, whose music displayed a disconcerting and apparently indiscriminate facility in the styles of Ravel and Lutoslawski. The best Salvadoran artist in sight, on the other hand, was the caricaturist Tono Salazar, who had a delightful retrospective in the exhibition hall of the Parque Cuscatlán (entrance completely free). But Salazar does not live in El Salvador, nor, I should imagine, do many of the best Salvador-born musicians. For it leaps to the eye and ear that the musical opportunities in this culturally ambiguous country are at best limited.

The cultural ambiguity lies in the fact that, while European music is of supreme interest to the artistically inclined ruling classes in Salvador, its relevance to the lives of most people in the country is remote. This is much truer in Latin America than in Europe itself, which lacks the racial and cultural divisions of the colonial-type society. Unfortunately little seems to survive of any autochthonous Indian music (their instruments are not even to be found in the souvenir shops), while the *mestizos*—the mixed caste who make up the large majority of the population—have probably never had anything of the kind. "Music in El Salvador" therefore means Salvadoran musicians playing and occasionally composing European music, a slightly incongruous and disheartening phenomenon.

Since the mid-nineteenth century music has been organized locally along European lines, with a National Conservatoire (now, I'm told, defunct), a National Symphony Orchestra, and even a National String Quartet. But the orchestra and quartet were apparently not thought worth airing in the festival, which had instead its own orchestra partly recruited from outside the country, and no chamber music. The playing lacked the knowledge or fluency a European audience would expect, but was often spirited, notably in a performance of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* under Sarmientos and in accompaniment to Byron Janis's effortless if rather spiky playing of Rachmaninov's third concerto. However, I missed the Colón Theatre Orchestra from Buenos Aires, with this year's guest-of-honour Aaron Copland, Benny Goodman and Kyung-Wha Chung, whose visit to the festival in its first week must have placed later events in their true perspective.

El Salvador's next music festival is scheduled for 1977. It is sure to cater once again mainly for the needs of a Europeanized public who otherwise have to rely on the gramophone for most of their music. But it would be good if something, however modest, could be engineered of a specifically local character—something more authentically alive than the wretched mock-primitive, sub-Arcadian artefacts which cluttered up the foyer of the Teatro Presidente during this festival. Such things as the peasant "happily" working away at his loom for the amusement of concertgoers who would presumably not relish contact with the man's real working ambience indicate only a rift between culture and environment. One of music's functions, of course, is to close such gaps.

**Stephen Walsh**



Gardening

# Right on cucumber

The cucumber, marrow, pumpkin, squash and melon family are sometimes a little puzzling to the gardener, and when you bring in the ornamental gourds as well the confusion is all the more complete. There are two genera involved, and four or five species. The ornamental gourds are varieties of *Cucurbita pepo*. These we buy in a mixed packet, and there are many shapes—like an orange, an apple, Turks cap, warted, green and white or green and yellow pear shaped, and so on. These are not edible and are only used dried and often varnished as an indoor decoration.

There is the danger of some slight confusion here because there is an edible Apple cucumber, small, shaped like an apple, of good flavour and very much appreciated by some people.

Let us look further at cucumbers. As with most vegetables, breeders have been producing $F_1$ hybrids—ie, varieties produced by deliberately cross-fertilizing two highly desirable parents to give offspring that are more uniform, productive, earlier, or in some other way more desirable than the old varieties.

The two main developments in cucumbers are the "all female" strains, and the much larger and smoother outdoor varieties. The all female varieties such as Femspot, Pepinex (also known as Femina), Rocket, or Fertila produce all female flowers, or only a very few male flowers. The importance of this is that you do not have to pick off the male flowers to prevent pollination, and hence bitter cucumbers, which we have to do with the old varieties.

Some of the $F_1$ hybrids, such as Rocket offered by Suttons, are resistant to cladosporium and blotch disease. The creamy white skinned variety Sigmadew, also from Suttons, is really an excellent cucumber, very thin skinned, and while it does best in a greenhouse, it can be grown outdoors in the south of England.

Another good outdoor cucumber from Suttons is Nadirs which produces long fruits, but why Clause, the French raisers, gave it this odd name we may never know. Also good for growing outdoors are Victory and Burpee Hybrid, both from Unwins and, of course, most seedsmen, and one can buy the small outdoor gherkin type of cucumber for pickling.

Turning now to marrows, these are broadly divided into bush and trailing types. I have never seen much difference between the trailing varieties, either white, green or striped. After growing both trailing and bush marrows over many years I think I now prefer the bush types, and here again differences in performance seem minimal to me. The $F_1$ hybrid Prokor, early maturing and a heavy cropper, and Zucchini, another $F_1$ early and generous cropper, are excellent. Some people grow this last variety instead of the All Green Bush or Courgette, and these marrows are picked when six to eight inches long, and cooked whole.

If you want a bit of fun grow the custard marrows, a bush type, either white or yellow. They are round, flat, crimped at the edges, and are excellent for stuffing. You slice off the top as you would a boiled egg, scoop out the middle, and stuff with forcemeat.

An oddity which some people like is the Vegetable Spaghetti. You can eat it like an ordinary marrow, or let it ripen, boil it, cut it in half, remove the seeds an eat the stringy flesh like spaghetti. It is not one of my favourites.

The pumpkin, or giant gourd, and the various squashes which are stored and used in winter, again are not favourites of mine, but many people like them, and of course, for Americans Thanksgiving would be unthinkable without pumpkin pie.

It is a great sadness to me that our climate is not normally warm enough to grow melons outdoors, and not always for growing them even under cloches. One of the pleasures of a summer or early autumn visit to the west of France is to be able to enjoy for next to nothing Angevine or Charentais cantaloupe melons, ripened in the field. The breeders are working on the problem and may yet come up with varieties that will mature outside in Britain in any summer.

The $F_1$ varieties Sweetheart and Burpee Hybrid are good for frames and cloches, and Ogen is a small but sweet well flavoured melon. Unwins No Name is still one of the best melons for cloches, and although we never seem to do as well with melons as they do on the Royal Horticultural Society's trials at Wisley, we have had the best results over the years with this variety.

During and just after the war home growing of tobacco was very popular, and many of us produced a quite smokable mixture. Now growing your own tobacco is, once more, like home-brewing and wine-making, becoming popular again. If you wish to try your hand at it the best procedure would be to become a member of the Amateur Tobacco Growers' Association, 60 Whitehorse Lane, London SE1. For a subscription of £1 you get an instruction book, seeds, and much helpful information about growing and curing your own tobacco. The seeds should be sown in the second half of April. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your £1.

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Bridge

# Bidding time

Seekers after truth eventually discover that every bidding system makes one partner more responsible than the other for a key decision. But, as John Locke pointed out three centuries ago, it is one thing to indicate a mistake and another to give the correct answer. The expert always arouses a measure of support when he has gone astray because there is no agreement on the best action to have been taken.

Good bidding exchanges swing to and fro like the pendulum of a clock; unless they go smoothly, the sooner they cease the better the result. Relevant information alone should be given and more trouble comes from a misguided response than from any other kind of ill-chosen bid.

South was fortunate in having been dealt a strong two-suiter in the minors when his partner opened one Spade. With his usual caution he responded two Diamonds on ♠ 8 ♡ 5 ◇ A Q J 10 6 2 ♣ K Q 10 7 5 and awaited developments; he ran no risk of becoming tied in a knot unless he made a jump bid. But then North introduced an encouraging, if inconvenient, rebid of three Spades. South's first and only mistake was in forgetting that his partner had taken charge and that they would be in game whatever he responded; he could safely bid four Diamonds, five Diamonds, or even four Spades.

The only response that he could not afford was four Clubs. I am unable to construct a hand where North, after bearing his partner bid a second suit, will now be allowed to play in four Spades. South's four Clubs will provoke any other rebid by North you choose to imagine—four Hearts, four No Trumps, four Diamonds, but the partners will find it almost impossible to keep out of a slam. The information South was invited to furnish on the second round related only to contracts in Spades or Diamonds; despite his distributional strength a minimum bid of four Diamonds was adequate, if only because one jump bid after another invariably upsets the pendulum swing.

The problem of the second response presents itself whenever there is uncertainty concerning the partner in charge. The changing value of a hand is reflected in a more dramatic way after a take-out or penalty double.

East West game; dealer East.




| East | South | West | North |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Club | No | No | Double |
| No | No | 1 Spade | No |
| 3 Spades | 3 Hearts | No | 4 Hearts |
| Double | No | No | No |

North South are not talking the same language. North is defending on minimum values where his partner is looking for a penalty or game. When South elected to pass the double of one Club he could not subsequently afford to bid his suit at the three level without more encouragement from his partner, and North had no justification whatsoever for raising to four Hearts.

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Good Food Guide

# The Englishman's home cooking

In the last few months two of the stocking cooks for who England is now famous (Jane Grigson and Elisabeth Ayrton) have both produced cur researched books on tra al English food*. The wis foreigner who leafs th them in a bookshop— wi in Mrs Grigson's case, ar ration-book quality of paper publisher has given may well be inspired to dart into Piccadilly or the S looking for poddying of d necke, Richard Dolby's rice pudding, or the cold dge with rum "occa- ly served in Edwardian to gentlemen who were rasing late after a night ards".

t our visitor will look for ng time. For the lover of itional English cooking— alone service—contem- ry London is a very sad e indeed. Here and there, ble dishes, such as the raught Hotel's roast grouse bread-and-butter pudding, be found. But seldom, at price, is the English culin- repertoire imaginatively bited as a regular offering. confirm the point, the *Guide's* staff have been eating meals in a cross-section of the places to which the curious foreigner's steps might be directed by local acquaintances or tourist publications. The result, though mostly predictable, included a few surprises, not all unpleasant.

One pleasant surprise was Sir Charles Forte's Hunting Lodge. The *Guide* has had too many disappointments here in the past not to be wary of the odd good meal. "Bovril-flavoured tomato soup, cocoa-flavoured chocolate mousse" is one *billet-aigre* in the file. It is still not unusual for the waiters to outnumber the customers, which not only explains the enormous bills, but gives the incomer the disconcerting feeling that he has interrupted a party of total strangers having a ball at his expense. However, fine china and crystal, and fresh nibbles in the bar, are included in the bill, and if the restaurant decor is by Surtees out of Dante's *Inferno*, never mind, for the actual cooking appears to have taken an upward swing.

In our party's experience, the swing still has to drag behind it miscalculated potted lobster, bread-and-butter pudding, *crème brûlée* and syllabub. (How disappointing, too, that a "shop-window" restaurant should offer indifferent versions of sweets that every second amateur restaurateur in Chelsea is now presenting.) But the steak and kidney pie (£2.10) was the model of a dish to set before a European Anglophile (if there are any left), and the "staff soup"—so called, perhaps, because there are so many mouths to feed—was properly made with fresh root vegetables. Vegetables will cost you the best part of £1, but trouble is taken to cook them lightly, and the Cafetière *coffee tastes mercifully un*-English. It is no use expecting to spend much less than £5 on a bottle of wine, but that will secure better claret than it does in most Trust Houses Forte places.

Very slightly cheaper, and better value at the lower end of the wine list, is Joseph Berkmann's Lockets, which is highly *convenient for* Whitehall or Westminster, and reckons to offer English dishes such as mousse of Arbroath smokies, venison pie and the inevitable syllabub. The cooking, whatever its actual nationality, is English in the other sense that plain dishes like grilled sardines are better than made-up ones like the "shell of baked seafood". However, warm accounts have lately been received of the jugged hare (£1.85), lamb chops with juniper berries, and nicely undercooked broccoli and french beans. *Mashed* potato is to be avoided, and so is apple pie among the sweets, but it is service that lets Lockets down—unless, perhaps, you are the Havana smoking Arab who could be observed having his ashtray changed half a dozen times in half an hour. "Just this side of insolence" is one professional woman's account of the atmosphere at lunchtime, and a late evening visitor who did not care for the look of the sweets on the trolley was denied menu items such as sorbets, that had only to be fetched from the fridge. (Perhaps the Lockets chef locks it when he goes home.)

At the Cheshire Cheese, off Fleet Street, one is firmly back on the tourist beat, and it would be unfair to expect to find any dish on the menu that could not have been predicted from a cursory reading of *Dickens or the British* Tourist Authority brochures. That being so, a most creditable and eggy bread-and-butter pudding was a nice surprise, and by the standard of the Hungry Horse in Chelsea (which is in the *Guide*, and locally popular, but was a dismal failure when tested for this article) the main courses, including the *steak pie, were also good.* Another relief not to be despised at the Cheshire Cheese is the provision of Marston's bitter (from Burton upon Trent) in the heart of London. The let downs, as expected, are the matters of detail, especially the vegetables, which tasted as though they had been cooking since Nathaniel Gubbins's time.

At least the Cheshire Cheese's Englishry does not stop at the great darkstained tables. That could not be said of Dr Johnson's other favourite pub, the Anchor in Bankside, south of the river between London and Southwark bridges. When we booked lunch, wondering whether we should be in the Boswell Grill or the Elizabethan Long Gallery, a voice at the other end of the telephone said: "Ees alla the same food." Perhaps it was meant as a warning for the party emerged from its *meal here* £5 a head poorer, wondering which had been the worst, the custard-like horseradish sauce served with smoked trout, the reconstituted "soup of the day", the unrelated thick gravy served with reheated roast beef, the "old-sock" taste of the cauliflower, or the sheer impudence of the description "blackcurrant and cognac sauce" attached to a dish called pears cassis (60p). If they cannot do better in this wonderful location, they should surely confine themselves to the sound snacks (cold meats, cheese, sandwiches, pies) served in Mrs Thrales' Bar downstairs.

Perhaps, after all, west is best, for the pleasantest surprise of all on this hunt round London was within a bread roll's throw of the new Park Towers Hotel, in a pine-and-tile restaurant that used to be the Belgravia 8444 and is now called the Upper Crust. In spite of the name, neither the accents nor the prices are in the clouds—certainly not by comparison with the £6 the Park Towers charges for a helping of duck for two—but the most gratifying feature of the place was the evidence of someone thinking about what they were cooking: little popover Yorkshire puddings filled at the *last minute* with pink and tender chicken livers and fried onions (60p), lemony fish soup probably based on the stock from the smoked haddock that went into the kedgeree, and individual steak pies (£1.30) whose richness was offset by the addition of a few pickled walnuts. Chocolate brandy cream (50p) had "that unctuous taste and texture you get from good chocolate, egg yolk, and little else". Vegetables, and the house red wine at £2 a litre, were alike decent. So the English thing can be done properly, even in London, at prices the middle classes can still afford. If only more caterers would try.

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Antiques

# Going by the book

The best modern scholarship on antiques is conducted to the most exacting scientific standards. Facts are backed with documents, and documents subjected to keen analysis. One feels that some of the new writers on antiques — who include *graduate researchers at our* universities—must put on starched white surgical coats before beginning work.

In general, it pleases me that antiques are no longer considered just a fribbling pursuit for dilettantes; but sometimes I sigh for the old style of writing on antiques (then usually called "curios" or "bygones") which prevailed at the turn *of the century*. The scholarship of today has crispness, lucidity and accuracy; but I miss the beguiling asides, the only just relevant Shakespearean quotations, and the garrulous personal anecdotes about hunting bargains and outwitting the wily dealer.

A good example is *First Steps in Collecting*, by G. M. Vallois, first published in 1913. At times, in his gentle maundering, Vallois reminds one of P. G. Wodehouse's Madeleine Bassett, who suggested the stars were God's daisy chain, and who, if one was foolhardy enough to marry her, was likely to put her hands over one's eyes at the breakfast table and cry "Guess who!".

Vallois writes: "I sometimes fancy that the furniture and fittings of a house like mine, belonging to far-off times, must, in the dead of night, perhaps, communicate in some subtle way with each other, and compare notes as to what they have witnessed." The idea is developed with *maximum* soppiness:

When we think what a Jacobean chair could relate if only it could speak, it makes one's brain whirl. It lived through the great Rebellion; mourners of the martyred king, or exultant sympathizers in his murder, sat on it, for all England was sharply divided into *two parties. In 1660 it* overheard jubilant triumph, or sour disappointment, discuss the Restoration; it listened to deep sorrow, or, at the least, to horror-struck astonishment at the judicial murders of Judge Jeffreys, on the Western circuit. ... Later, in 1793, sad-faced émigrés from France, who had themselves barely *escaped the guillotine, and per*haps left their nearest and dearest behind them, cold and lifeless, would sit on our old friend, and drink tea out of the Caughley or Turner tea set seen in Fig. 52.

Preposterous and maudlin the speculation may be; but at least it shows a feeling for antiques beyond the mere avarice of that other kind of "speculation", for investment.

*The Bargain Book* by Charles Edward Jerningham and Lewis Bettany (1911) was dedicated to Lady Dorothy Nevill, a great antique collector whom Jerningham advised. The chapter-headings alone of this book indicate the authors' approach to antiques: "The Ignorance of Dealers and Collectors"; "The Curiosities of the Curiosity shops"; "The Secretive Habits of our Ancestors". There was then a romance and mystique about antique collecting, in many ways quite contrived and spurious, but lending exhilaration to the *chasse*— to use the word habitually applied by Lady Charlotte Schreiber to her china-hunting *exploits of the late nine*teenth century. Collecting which is free from *any* tinge of this mania is like sex *without love.*

The same kind of approach still prevailed when Margaret Vivian's *Antique Collecting* was published by Pitman's in 1937. The book had as frontispiece one of those characteristic pictures by Charles Spencelayh which command such high prices at auction today: "The Fake" (an antique dealer in a trilby hat, surrounded by the clutter of his calling, examines a figurine through a magnifying glass). In her chapter on Pottery, Margaret Vivian finds a nicely apt Shakespearian quote relating *to fakes*:

"A substitute shines brightly as a king
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(*Merchant of Venice*)

And again, her attitude to antiques can be judged from her chapter headings: "Animal Figures" "Pictures on Porcelain" "The Feathered Folk", "Bygone Boxes", "Horses and Hounds", and "*Odds and Ends*". Margaret Vivian also gives the best account known to me in English literature of how to *haggle successfully with an* antique dealer. Woe betide the dealer visited by Lady Charlotte Schreiber and Margaret Vivian in the same day. Scientific detachment is not Margaret Vivian's forte; in fact, she positively revels in *avoiding definite conclusions*, and wallows in happy vagueness:

Everybody who sees the Bow Bird illustrated *in* Fig 128 gives it a different name. Some say that it is undoubtedly a phoenix, which it may well be since nobody knows the ornithological characteristics of this mythical bird. Others, including the owners, Dr and Mrs Statham, are inclined to regard it as a heron, and another collector suggests that it may be intended to represent a grebe. Whatever it is, it is a rare and desirable specimen.

The paragraph which immediately follows this passage in Margaret Vivian's chapter on "The Feathered Folk" (page 160) begins: "Enamel bird snuff-boxes *were perhaps the most popu*lar products of the enamel factories at Battersea and in Staffordshire." Of all the *antiques of which our know*ledge has been revolutionized by the new scholarship, none has been given a more completely new *look* than enamels (with the possible exception of English delftwares, in which scholars such as Mr Michael Archer of the Victoria and Albert Museum, have done such valuable work in allotting and reattributing the various wares between Lambeth, Bristol, Liverpool and other centres of manufacture).

Until the 1960s, everyone happily spoke of enamels in the terms used by Margaret Vivian. They were labelled, fairly haphazardly, as "Battersea" or "Bilston" (Staffordshire). Then Dr Bernard Watney, perhaps the archetypal representative of the new scholarship in antiques, began to apply his formidable talents to the subject. Dr Watney—who is a Doctor of Medicine, and for all I know *does* wear a white coat in his profession —was already well known to collectors of ceramics as the revolutionizer of our knowledge of the Longton Hall porcelain factory and the author of an exemplary book on *Blue and White Porcelain of the Eighteenth Century* (Faber & Faber, £7.95).

(Incidentally, Geoffrey Godden, another outstanding representative of the new scholarship, has recently published, in a limited edition of 750 copies, an excellent *Introduction to English Blue and White Porcelains*, available from him at 19 Crescent Road, Worthing, Sussex, at £2.50, plus 15p postage.)

Until 1966 it had always been thought that Stephen Janssen, a City of London alderman and founder with John Brooks of the Battersea enamel factory in 1753, had been the first to exploit the *new invention of transfer* printing, but Dr Watney discovered that as early as 1751 John Brooks, an Irish *engraver then resident in* Birmingham, made an unsuccessful attempt to patent a method of printing on enamel *and china*. So *it is* evident that the transfer printing of enamels was being practised at Birmingham before the founding of the Battersea factory.

An ideal opportunity to see English enamels *en masse* will be in early June at the Bilston Museum and Art Gallery; the precise opening date is not yet fixed. Bilston is now part of Wolverhampton, and the director of the Wolverhampton Art Galleries and Museums, Mr David Rodgers, is yet another example of the new scholarship. Like Mr John Morley at the Brighton Pavilion and Art Gallery, he puts on exactly the right kind of shows for a major local museum; and I am sure both men will eventually reach the top of their profession.

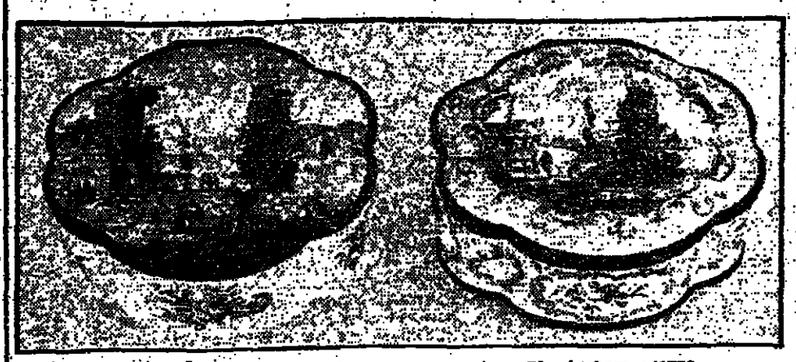
Mr Rodgers has already staged shows of Seaside Souvenirs; Coronation Souvenirs and "One for the Pot" (the history of tea-drinking in London). He has published a book on *Coronation Souvenirs* (Latimer New Dimensions, £3.40) and is preparing a book on seaside souvenirs for the same publisher, due out next year.

The Wolverhampton Art Galleries and Museums, over which Mr Rodgers presides, *have published a first-class* catalogue of *English Painted Enamels of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries* (from the Wolverhampton and Bilston Collections) by Mary S. Morris, who acknowledges the help she has received from Dr Watney. It is a model of the new scholarship, with its carefully researched but concise sections on the history of English enamels and the methods of manufacture. (Copies may be obtained at 50p plus 20p postage, from Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton.) It will be an essential reference book for collectors of enamels, a group sadly depleted by the death, earlier this year, of Lord Ilford, who in his eighteenth-century house in Hampstead, formed one of the finest collections of enamels in the country.

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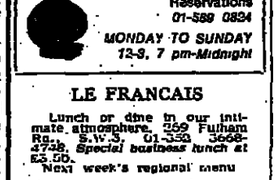
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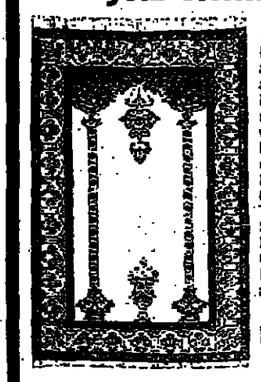
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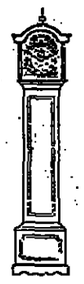
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# The puzzle over the pterosaur: how did the world's biggest bird ever manage to fly?

The surprise created in the popular mind by Douglas Lawson's discovery of an immense pterosaur—a beast whose wings spanned about 51 feet according to the most reliable computer estimate—is only paralleled by the bewilderment experienced in scientific circles.

Lawson and his colleagues spent three seasons excavating the bones of this Mesozoic Brobdignagian before announcing the results in the recent issue of *Science*. Remains of three individuals have turned up so far, including an assortment of necks, hindlegs, toothless beaks and four wings, in Brewster County's Big Bend National Park in Texas. At least one more waits to be exhumed, and until that is done Lawson is declining to christen his monster.

The bones lay entombed in late Cretaceous rocks, giving the beasts an age of 70 million years. They thrived, in fact, at the very end of the dinosaur's reign. Lawson's was the last and largest of a race of exotic Mesozoic flying animals.

*Pterosaurs* were an eminently successful group for over 120 million years. Older species were smaller and more manoeuvrable, but during the Cretaceous they evolved into the largest airborne creatures to have inhabited the earth.

Being such a colossal size, they present us with a major headache when we attempt to sort out their flight mechanics. The root of the problem is, of course, the lack of a living analogue to serve as a model.

When Baron Cuvier, writing at the time of the French Revolution, glimpsed the first known pterosaur he gave a warning that the flying reptile—with an elongater fourth finger supporting a wing membrane—was totally unlike anything surviving on the planet.

Cuvier's words of warning concerning the pterosaur's uniqueness have rung true with a vengeance. The beast has flagrantly violated practically every characteristic attributed to it. It had a large bird-like brain, with hemispheres that pressed against the braincase. (This occurs in mammals and birds, but not living reptiles.) The reason that winger "reptiles" independently evolved avian-style brains springs immediately to mind. Smaller pterosaurs (some were as tiny as sparrows) were flappers, encountering the same problems of stability and manoeuvrability as birds, resulting in the evolution of similar flight controls.

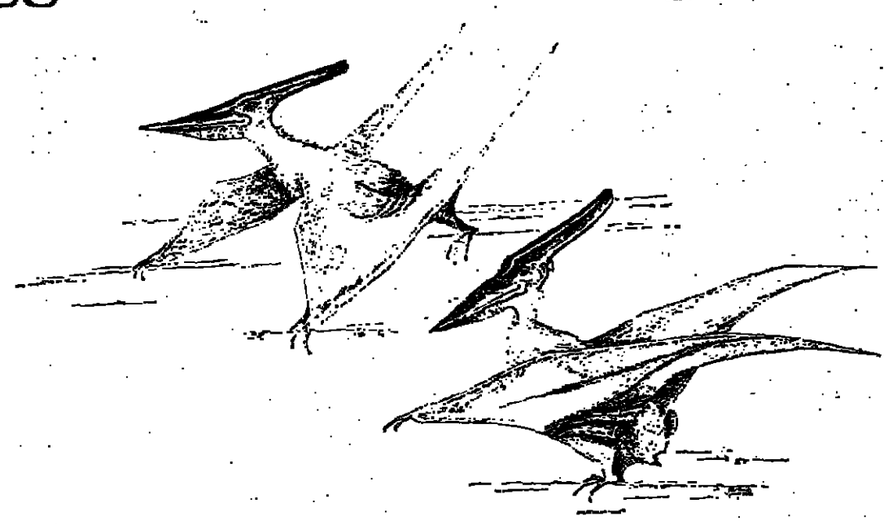
Where did pterosaurs find the energy for such strenuous activity? The second blow to Cuvier's "reptilian" pterosaur came with the realization that this highly intelligent creature was warm-blooded with a constant high energy output like a bird. Cold-blooded reptiles are not capable of sustained activity. Understandably, this is not conducive to staying aloft; a lizard miraculously endowed with wings would be exhausted merely by the act of taking-off. Pterosaurs were probably much like birds in their physiology.

As pterosaurs were warm-blooded and many were small, why did they not perish of exposure? There are, after all, no naked birds. The reason was a furry pelt. The find that established unequivocally the presence of hair was made in the southern Russian province of Kazakhstan in 1970. Both wings and body of this flying beast, preserved in extraordinary detail, were coated in silky fur. All pterosaurs were hairy, but we seldom uncover fossils retaining skin impressions.

From these facts we can follow a tortuous path of reasoning to reveal the pterosaur's lifestyle. How did they reproduce? Was there post-natal care? (This is almost unknown in living reptiles, which may even eat their progeny.)

The pelvis was narrow, so the young were probably brought into the world in an immature state. Therefore they required warmth, nourishment and protection. Food was possibly fetched by one parent while the other tended the offspring. Pterosaurs may have paired for a season (or even life) and it has been suggested that the later Cretaceous giants were colonial. A social organization may have been accompanied by ritualistic social grooming and singing to warn intruders off private property.

We can now see the wisdom in Cuvier's warning: the pterosaur was about as reptilian as a mammal or bird. Pterosaurs are an entity in their own right, equalling reptiles, mammals and birds in rank. Had they survived to the present day this would have been immediately apparent. Aristotle would never have classed warm-blooded, intelligent, furry, flying animals with the serpents!



Drawing by Jessica Gwynne

**The Pteranodon (above), with a wingspan of about 20ft, was a slow gliding creature. The newly found pterosaur has a wingspan of about 51ft.**

Lawson's Texas giant creates problems of an altogether new dimension. Large pterosaurs have been known since the days of the Old West. In 1870 the Yale palaeontologist O. C. Marsh unearthed one disproportionately large pterosaur wing finger fragment in Kansas, and promptly announced that the Mesozoic Earth was populated by "flying dragons" with 20 foot wingspans.

This was spectacularly confirmed the following year when he located a whole wing. His bizarre pterosaur, with a long beak counterbalanced by a plumed crest, was named *Pteranodon* (meaning "winged and toothless".) For a century it went unrivalled; Lawson's beast had over twice the wingspan.

Theories surrounding *Pteranodon* were legion. Some supposed that the dense atmosphere of the archaic planet allowed it to float on air. It is now envisaged as a glider, using thermals to gain height. Extreme measures were adopted to facilitate soaring, including drastic weight reduction: it lost its tail and teeth, and reduced its rear legs to trailing spindles. Its bones were hollow tubes with outer walls no thicker than card, the whole structure braced by crosswise struts (principles rediscovered by the aircraft industry.) *Pteranodon* had lost so much musculature that it could no longer flap: with 20 foot wings it would have needed 220lb of muscle to hover—it had 8lb left! (Although the wing bones would have sheared long before hovering was achieved.)

*Pteranodon's* turkey-sized body was all but enveloped by expansive wings, yet the living animal probably weighed no more than 20-40lb. The fusilage was box-like to take the strain of the wings. Wing loading was minimal—about 1lb/sq ft—making it far more efficient than a man-made glider (4lb/sq ft).

Consequently, *Pteranodon* could glide at ultra slow speeds without stalling, only 15 mph according to Cherrie Bramwell and G. R. Whitfield of Reading University. Landing at this speed presented no problem, even if it did flop onto its belly like a penguin.

Understanding take-off is another matter. Since it was unable to flap or run (the legs trailed) how did it return to the air? Bramwell suggests that a breeze of 15 mph lifted the animal passively off the ground, like a piece of paper caught by the wind.

*Pteranodon* must have landed at some stage, if only to breed. It seems unlikely that there were cliffs adjacent to the Kansas sea, so it could not employ them for take-off. The problem appears insurmountable when Lawson's pterosaur is considered. The fossils were found 250 miles inland of the Cretaceous coastline, so his was not a sea-going pterosaur. Perhaps it was a toothless carrion feeder, he ventures, gorging itself on rotting mounds of dinosaur flesh (rendering take-off still more incomprehensible). This implies that there were dinosaurs nearby. Grounded, the ungainly pterosaurs were vulnerable to attack, so how did they escape when danger threatened?

Since they were unable to run, lift-off was vertical. If flapping was involved, they would have needed ludicrously tall legs to permit the 24 foot wings to clear the ground. But with neither the muscles nor mechanical strength, flapping was out of the question. Is it plausible that, with wings extended and elevators raised, they were lifted into the air by the wind? And yet, left at the mercy of wind currents, escape from the formidable dinosaurs would have been a chancy business.

Lawson's ultimate pterosaur raises more questions than it answers.

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# Senora Perón stands firm

The popularity o[f] President Maria Estella [Pe]rón's Government will be [put] to the test for the first time [tomor]row. In the subtropical [pro]vince of Missiones, in the [north] of Argentina, voters [go] to the polls to choose a new provincial government. The [vote] so at a time when rumours are rife throughout Argen[tina] that the Government of President Perón is crumbling.

So widespread are the rumours that twice in last week President Perón herself has publicly denied th[em]. A few days ago she asked [Argen]tinians to dismiss "the insidious rumours" as "the work of those who want to c[reate] the country's institutions, create chaos". Then last [Friday] she spent an hour and a [half] at the headquarters of the General Labour Federation (CGT) trying to convince workers that she did not intend to give in. In a speech that was televised nationally President Perón told them: "Those who thought the movement would die without Perón are wrong. It is a lie. I am a woman with a fragile appearance, but no one can stop me."

From the moment she became President of Argentina last July doubts have been expressed as to her ability to survive in office in a country renowned for its political rivalries. A former cabaret dancer, the 44-year-old President has only held one political post before—that of Vice-President to her husband, the late General Juan Domingo Perón. Lacking the charisma or personality of Evita Perón, General Perón's second wife, Isabel Perón has never managed to replace Eva in the affections of Argentina's 25 million people.

Even so, President Perón has survived nine months in office and it is only in the past few days that doubts about her further survival have been seriously raised. A number of factors have provoked this speculation. The economy is now in poor shape. A drastic reduction in beef exports, a bad wheat harvest and a decrease in Agentine oil production have created a monetary situation in Argentina which the President of the Central Bank has described as critical. The reserves now stand at less than half of what they were three years ago. The peso was recently devalued and inflation is rampant. Many essential goods, held to artificially low prices by government decree, are hard to obtain and a black market is flourishing. Other items, not subject to control, are soaring in price, rapidly outstripping wage increases.

The gloom in the economic field is matched by despair among Argentines at the level of political violence. It has escalated in the past nine months and shows no signs of abating either in the towns or the countryside. This year alone over 140 people have been killed as a result of political feuds between the Right and the Left, and since February the armed forces have been engaged in a full-scale guerrilla operation in the north of Argentina where the Marxist People's Revolutionary Army are fighting.

The violence is not the only reason for the present level of dissatisfaction with the government of President Perón. The focus of most discontent is José Lopez Rega, the minister of social welfare and the President's political secretary. This 58-year-old Svengali-like figure is, in effect, running Argentina. He is believed to make all the political decisions for the President, and he always accompanies her to meetings with politicians and the armed forces alike. Yet he had little political experience before except as Chief of Staff of Perón's household while he was in exile. His main interest in life until now has been astrology, on which he has written three books.

The supporters of Lopez Rega seem to be few but his enemies are legion. The Peronist Old Guard detest him because he is a relative newcomer to the Peronist ranks. Lopez Rega only became involved with Peron and Peronism during Peron's exile in Madrid in the sixties. The Left wing of the Peronist party hold equally strong feelings about Lopez Rega, considering him responsible for the swing to the Right by the Peronist movement and for the expulsion of the Left from the Peronist party.

Outside the Peronist movement, feelings run equally high. The latest incident to provoke criticism from the opposition politicians was the visit of Lopez Rega to Missiones in March when he distributed cheques worth almost two million pounds to help the needy and get various housing and education projects underway. This provoked the leader of the Radical Party, Ricardo Balbin, to speak openly of an attempt to buy the electorate. Dissatisfaction with Lopez Rega has also been voiced privately by younger officers in the armed forces, thus provoking rumours of a military coup d'etat. But senior officers have kept quiet on the subject.

Much of the discontent, however, with President Perón would disappear if she was to dismiss Lopez Rega. A rejection of the government's candidates at Missiones on Sunday would give her the opportunity to do so, particularly seeing that Lopez Rega has so openly involved himself in the election campaign. But for the moment President Peron shows no sign of doing so. President Perón dismissed the rumours that her government was crumbling with Lopez Rega standing by her side.

**Jo Beresford**

# That other time of crisis when ministers agreed to differ

Ministers have agreed to differ on the Common Market. From now until the Referendum the arguments on both sides will be presented by leaders of the same Party and members of the same Cabinet. The constitutional doctrine of Cabinet responsibility will be temporarily shelved. It is a strange but not quite unprecedented situation. The last agreement to differ was in November, 1931.

The National Government with Ramsay MacDonald at its head and the support of the Conservative and Liberal parties (except for Lloyd George and his family) had been returned with an overwhelming majority. The Labour opposition was reduced to a rump of 46 members. Never, it appeared, had an administration received such an overwhelming vote of confidence from the electorate. Yet, almost immediately, a deep fissure appeared. The Government had appealed for a "doctor's mandate". All precise issues had been left conveniently in abeyance. But the overwhelming Conservative majority of 471 members were convinced protectionists and believed that import duties were the only answer to the economic crisis which had threatened the stability of the pound. The Liberal Nationals, led by Sir John Simon, were prepared to abandon the convictions of a lifetime. Indeed, with one or two exceptions, they became the obedient camp followers of the Tories. But the orthodox Liberals, led by Sir Herbert Samuel, occupied a very different position. From them free trade, the heritage of Bright, Cobden and Gladstone, was still the ark of the covenant.

Moreover, they were not alone. They were ranged with Lord Snowden, the most inflexible of free traders. And Lord Snowden had done more to win the election than any other single man. His personal integrity was universally respected. These were the early days of sound broadcasting when radio was taking the place of the public meeting. Lord Snowden's broadcasts were immensely effective. I was Liberal candidate for Dundee and received a letter of support from Lord Snowden. I issued one poster: "Take Snowden's advice and vote for Foot". To my own astonishment and that of everybody else I was elected with a majority of 19,000 votes.

The Government were presented with a frightful dilemma: Could they, after only a few weeks, dispense not only with the Liberals but with Lord Snowden himself? The Government were set upon import duties. The unyielding free traders would not give way. After long and anguished discussion the Cabinet (at the instance, it is said, of Lord Hailsham) hit upon the device of the agreement to differ. Lord Snowden was in the House of Lords. But the Liberal Ministers in the House of Commons were to be permitted to speak and vote against the new tariffs. The agreement did not work out quite as expected. It was generally anticipated that the dissident Liberal Ministers would content themselves with something in the nature of a formal protest. This is not what happened. Sir Herbert Samuel spoke on December 4. He was always an accomplished debater. But on this occasion he delivered the most powerful speech of his career. It is described by Baldwin's biographers as "a vehement attack that stupefied the House". It was received with fury on the Conservative back benches. They went into the lobby in a state of seething indignation. Sir Robert Vansittart reminded Baldwin of a popular song 40 years before.

*"It makes yer feel that life's a blank*
*A disgustin' dreary dezzit*
*It ain't exactly what 'e sez*
*It's the narsty way 'e sez it."*

But Samuel did not escape attack from a different quarter. One of the speakers in the debate was Megan Lloyd George. She was, without exception, the most effective woman speaker who has ever sat in the House of Commons. On this occasion she excoriated Samuel and his colleagues who had remained in the National Government after Lloyd George had withdrawn his support. She described Samuel's addressing the corpse of free trade in the language of Mark Anthony over the body of Caesar:

*"Oh pardon me thou bleeding piece of earth*
*That I am meek and gentle with these butchers".*

Baldwin, who wound up the debate, referred to her speech and described Samuel as saying, like Glendower. "Heaven deliver me from this Welsh fairy".

A single day was alloted for the completion of the fourth stage and the third reading of the Bill. It was arranged that there should only be three third reading speeches. My father, Isaac Foot, the Liberal Minister for Mines, was to speak from the front bench for the dissident Liberals.

The report stage dragged on through the afternoon and evening and Isaac Foot was told that he must confine his speech to six minutes. In this brief space he had to express the free trade convictions of a lifetime. That he succeeded in doing so was shown by the response he obtained. When he sat down the Conservative back benchers, led by Lord Winterton with both fists above his head, rose as one man, shouting "Resign—resign". Chamberlain described the speech as "the last despairing cry of one who knows that he has seen the end of free trade".

The Liberals remained in the Government until the following autumn. They finally resigned over the Ottawa agreements which provided for a more or less permanent system of imperial preference. But even if they had not done so it is difficult to suppose that the coalition could have lasted. The parties had been temporarily brought together by the alleged economic crisis of August, 1931, and the threat to the pound. There was no permanent basis of unity. There is no analogy with the present state of affairs.

**Dingle Foot**

## Sportsview

# Who watches what, and where

A survey carried out by the Gillette Market Research Department has been publicized recently as a contribution to the debate whether or not one-day cricket has led to practices that make us a chopping block for the Australians in Test cricket. A comment or two on that subject is called for, but first the survey as a whole, taking a broad look at present-day sporting activity (so far as a sample of only 577 will allow), deserves wider attention.

The survey confirms that football leads the way in almost every aspect of public interest. With support among three men out of four (the survey does not say whether it was confined to men because this was their particular field or because they are the main users of the company's product), football has even strengthened its position when nearly every other sport has lost ground, this in spite of the ravages of Manchester United's supporters and their anti-social kind. The leading positions, for 1974, expressed as a percentage of those canvassed, are given in the following table, together with those for 1973 (sample of 718) and 1972 (sample 751):

| | 1974 | 1973 | 1972 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Football | 76.8 | 73.8 | 74.8 |
| Boxing | 47.8 | 47.5 | — |
| Cricket | 42.1 | 47.1 | 45.0 |
| Athletics | 40.7 | 44.6 | 47.1 |

No other sport achieves four marks out of ten: Golf, previously above that level with 41.2 has declined to 36.0 (and sixth position), second only to Rugby League in this loss of general support. Yet with 11.3 (all figures here are given as percentages of the sample) it is surpassed only by football, and not by all that much (15.1), among those who actually practise sport. It also leads in "Follows in other ways" (1.6), which might explain the popularity of the nineteenth hole. Rugby League, the chief sufferer, has dropped from 26.3 to 20.5, in spite of the live BBC coverage it receives on most Saturday afternoons during the winter. Thus it may well be that the declining fortunes of the game may be linked to overexposure on television, as a survey commissioned by the game's administrators maintained a few years ago.

Only three sports among the 17 included in the Gillette list (speedway and car rallies have been excluded from the accompanying table) have improved their positions among the watching, reading and talking public. Tennis joins football and boxing (see table) in this happy situation, moving up substantially from 36.1 to 39.7, thereby perhaps refuting the argument that there is now so much tennis, so professionally promoted, that the currency has been debased. Among the practitioners no sport other than football and golf, already mentioned, get near to 10 per cent; boxing, predictably, is almost bottom of this poll with 0.3, which may add some sociological footnote to the debate about violence on our television screens.

Circulation managers of newspapers and their sports editors will study with special interest the figures alongside the section devoted to the press. It seems that, except in one instance, we may have got our priorities right, for by and large the amount of space deployed on our sports pages (though not in any one particular newspaper) would probably arrive at the same ranking list as Gillette, with football on 57.2, boxing on 26.9, and cricket on 21.5. No other sport reaches 20 per cent.

The exception to the general rule is racing, because, if the Gillette survey is to be accepted, the Turf gets much more than its fair share of space. Only 13.9 follow the sport of kings and queens in our newspapers, which places it only seventh in the list, a sharp contrast to the number of columns it daily devours. Show jumping's television popularity is reflected in its eighth placing overall, but its followers, it seems, are fair-weathermen, for only about one in 16 attends a show, compared with the one in two who go to football matches (against a "first") and the one in three cricketers, and three and a half Rugby Union devotees. Had the survey been open to women as well as men, as it should have been, we might have got a significantly different answer here.

In the table, showing how little a sport is followed by men here, rowing is a clear leader, if that is the word, with 95.5 per cent (ie, 100 less 4.5) uninterested in their activities, followed in this island nation by another water sport, sailing (91.9) and cycling (90.5). But of course many sports are not even thought worthy of the statisticians' attention. We can only guess how many are gripped, for instance, by Eton fives and ice hockey. More significant omissions are squash and skiing, the one showing a spectacular advance in recent years, the other enjoying a steadily rising popularity since package tours brought Alpine holidays within most people's purses.

Subsidiary tables explore the special case of cricket, in which Gillette have a vested interest. They show that the Gillette Cup (40.6) leads the parade, with Test cricket (26.5) a poor second, and the three-day game languishing at the bottom (8.3) behind the John Player League (22.5) and the Benson and Hedges Cup (18.7). The survey goes on to show, in parentheses, that opposition to sponsorship is virtually non-existent, in spite of the nicotine flavour of two of the limited-over romps. All this might incline one to add a cynical "QED", but the survey does otherwise have an authentic ring and base motives can be disregarded.

Gillette, however, have used their findings to answer charges that England's wretched performance against Australia in the winter was partly attributable to bad habits induced by one-day cricket.

But how is criticism to be stilled by the unarguable fact (which needed no survey by way of confirmation) that one-day cricket is more popular with the public than the traditional game? Bowlers who regard a maiden over as the supreme achievement, specialist slip fielders who haunt the cow pastures and class batsmen hoicking a ball from well outside the off stump down to long leg, are hardly sharpening their technique for sterner battles ahead.

**John Hennessy**

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| 1973 | Any Interest | 73.8 | 44.6 | 47.5 | 23.5 | 47.1 | 13.0 | 41.2 | 25.3 | 31.3 | 8.5 | 26.3 | 26.6 | 12.0 | 28.3 | 36.1 |
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| Takes any form of interest in | | 76.8 | 40.7 | 47.8 | 21.3 | 42.1 | 9.5 | 36.0 | 23.4 | 27.7 | 4.5 | 20.5 | 22.5 | 8.1 | 25.3 | 39.7 |
| Takes part in | | 15.1 | 4.2 | 0.3 | 4.0 | 8.1 | 1.6 | 11.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | — | 0.9 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 7.5 |
| Follows on T.V./ Radio | | 72.8 | 39.0 | 46.4 | 18.7 | 38.3 | 7.3 | 33.8 | 22.9 | 25.3 | 4.2 | 19.2 | 21.3 | 5.0 | 24.4 | 35.4 |
| Follows in press | | 57.2 | 19.4 | 26.9 | 7.8 | 21.5 | 3.1 | 16.1 | 13.9 | 12.8 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 9.4 | 3.1 | 8.8 | 15.3 |
| Goes to meetings/ matches | | 38.1 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 13.7 | 1.0 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.4 | — | 3.8 | 6.4 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 5.7 |
| Follows in other ways | | 0.9 | 0.5 | — | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | — | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 | — | 1.2 |

# The worst of the referendum mischief may be yet to come

**George Hutchinson**

It is bad enough that Mr Wilson should have made such a rod for his own back by resorting to the process of a national referendum over membership of the EEC and then invited further mischief by his indulgent "dispensation" to those pillars of the Government who are out to frustrate his intentions. What is equally unfortunate is that the Wilsonian rod is afflicting so many others, most painfully the majority of his ministers, who do actually support his European policy and are trying to uphold him in the face of his self-imposed handicap.

But the worst punishment may not be exacted until after the referendum. What if the answer should be No to Europe, and we are voted out?

In that event, Mr Wilson himself would probably have to resign, becoming the principal individual victim of the people's will as expressed in their repudiation of his explicit recommendation. To speak of accepting the verdict and carrying on is not convincing and would surely prove impracticable. In honour, Mr Callaghan, Mr Jenkins, Mr Healey, Mrs Williams and other members of the Cabinet might feel obliged to go with him, leaving Mr Wedgwood Benn and his confederates in possession.

That is not all. What would Mrs Thatcher do, and Mr Thorpe? Must the Conservative and Liberal leaderships then stand on their heads, disowning the convictions of recent years? They could not do so and keep their reputations. Nor would they contemplate such a disavowal of past principle and commitment.

How, then, could the Government carry the legislation that secession would entail, without Conservative and Liberal support? By adopting the referendum system Mr Wilson may prove to have created a constitutional dilemma of a character previously unknown in Britain. We may be sure that the Queen and her advisers are alive to the uncertainties, if nobody else is.

Mr Humphry Berkeley, the former Conservative MP, now a member of the Labour Party, meanwhile reproaches me for an earlier criticism of Mr Wilson's tactics, which he likens to those of Mr Harold Macmillan when the latter was pursuing his African policy—a policy of disengagement—with "caution and stealth", in defiance of his party's innermost beliefs. I am not sure that the comparison is altogether apt, though I understand Mr Berkeley's point.

Given the intensity of opposition to the EEC in the Labour movement generally, and the nature of his party, it may be that no other course was open to Mr Wilson. It remains risky and regrettable nevertheless.

Nor should we underestimate the anti-EEC sentiment within the Conservative Party. For example, I am told by a reader in Sussex, an active Tory worker whose findings I have reason to respect, that the strength of feeling in his own constituency association would surprise me.

Actually, it would not. It has long been apparent that with few exceptions the professional proponents of the EEC, despite their resources, are not very good at explaining the benefits of membership, present or potential. They had better buck up in the next month or two, or else we may cease to belong to the Community—and find Mr Wilson replaced by someone less to our liking.

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Even with higher things on our minds—the Budget, say, and the rate of inflation as well as the referendum—we must not lose track of some of the other realities of everyday life, among which one form of pollution is so common and conspicuous that no one can miss it: litter.

The litter louts (hackneyed it may me, but there is no better phrase for them) are gaining ground—quite literally—at a depressing pace. They crowd the streets. Wherever you go, you cannot escape their trail, their ugly spoor.

It is to be hoped that Sir George Young will receive further—and not merely passing—support in the House of Commons for his campaign against the worst social effects of the so-called take-away food shops, which he correctly identifies as one of the principal sources of litter.

Never before were there so many people eating in the streets—and not just an apple or a bar of chocolate or a bag of chips, but substantial dishes like fried chicken, hamburgers, and even (I believe) pigs' trotters. It is not an exhibition that I care for myself, but that is an individual prejudice, though perhaps widely shared. What is intolerable is the resulting litter—the uneaten remnants, the wrappings.

To blame the take-away food shops is no doubt unfair, since the fault lies with their customers: it is not the suppliers who befoul the streets in this way, although many are open to criticism on other environmental grounds, as Sir George Young has shown. What is undeniable, however, is that their growth has coincided with—because it has provoked—a deplorable increase in the amount of litter.

In passing, I might mention the seaborne litter which nowadays disfigures many a fine stretch of coastline, for example in the Strait of Dover. During the past week or so the beach at Kingsdown, a village near Deal, has been deep in discarded plastic cups and other utensils, all dumped overboard from the Channel ferries, British, French and Belgian alike.

Returning for a moment to the take-away food shops, their popularity undoubtedly owes something to the introduction of VAT, which has proved—predictably—to be the ruin of innumerable restaurants, great and small, modish and modest. Unlike restaurants, these shops are not subject to VAT, a tax which must surely rank high in the catalogue of Conservative follies.

Despite our freshly acquired membership of the EEC, there was no imperative need to bring it in two years ago, just as the measure of the developing inflation was becoming so apparent. Like decimalization, it has served only to aggravate the appalling rise in the cost of living. Nor was there the slightest pressure from the EEC to apply VAT, once introduced, to the work of artists of every description and other categories of self-employed people performing services of all sorts. Quite the reverse. Yet Mr Anthony Barber chose to do that, thereby driving another nail into the Tory coffin.

The closing of many small shops is due to VAT, not only because it has forced prices up and reduced sales but also because small shopkeepers, especially elderly ones, often find the additional bookkeeping too oppressive and complicated to endure, or quite beyond them.

A study of the social consequences of this tax in an era of acute inflation will in due time convict its sponsors of more serious damage to the community than they could ever have imagined. The present Government can at least disclaim authorship. But if Mr Healey, in his Budget, should choose to increase the level of VAT, or introduce a multiplicity of rates, he need not expect any electoral thanks. By doing so, he would simply be compounding a folly that contributed to the Tory defeat in the winter of 1974.

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Following the example of its parent party, that admirable Conservative society, the Bow Group, may soon have a woman at the head in succession to Mr Peter Lilley. Its members will be electing a new chairman in the next week or so and are expected to choose their research secretary, the charming and accomplished Miss Patricia Hodgson, rather than Mrs Pamela Dyas or Mr Ian Clarke, who have also been nominated.

Miss Hodgson, a producer in the Further Education department of the BBC, contested Islington South and Finsbury in the general election last October, and is a warm admirer of Mrs Thatcher. "I was very pleased to see Mrs Thatcher's election", she says.

While she understands the importance of a thoroughgoing anti-inflationary policy, she is not (thank heaven) preoccupied with the monetary argument now obsessing so many Conservatives, often to the exclusion of those other sentiments or principles that might actually restore them to office. What she wants is "stability rather than change, and freedom—not so much of the positive entrepreneurial type, but freedom from politicians, civil servants, shop stewards".

Young though she is, Miss Hodgson is a Tory romantic of an earlier—and congenial—school, with a heartening sense of the party's free, liberal tolerant and good-natured tradition. It is only the romantics—not the bleak, latter-day business managers of "lame duck" persuasion—who can now restore Conservative fortunes.

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# THE BASIS OF AMERICAN POWER

President Ford did his best on Thursday night to restore faith in the foreign policy of the United States. He succeeded only to a limited extent. He could not erase images of what is happening in Vietnam, or his own inept response from the golf course. Nor does he appear to have won over Congress. But there will be no sudden world-wide loss of confidence in the United States if South Vietnam collapses. People are mostly perceptive enough to understand the difference between Vietnam and other areas of American interest. They also see that the acceptance of failure in one area does not lead automatically to loss of will everywhere.

On the other hand there is no doubt that the United States is going through a very difficult phase and that its position in the world could be badly eroded over the next few years if it does not rediscover a role which it can pursue with confidence and a reasonable degree of political unity. The width of the present gulf between the Executive and Congress means that the Executive cannot negotiate effectively with foreign governments because nobody can be sure whether it will be backed by Congress. It is a situation reminiscent of the time when Congress refused to ratify membership of the League of Nations.

The present Congress was elected under the influence of the Watergate scandal. It contains a high proportion of new young Democrats. The next Congress may revert to more familiar patterns, and new members will gain experience. The Presidency can also be expected to regain some of its old powers. But the old system of autocratic leadership within Congress is probably destroyed for the foreseeable future, and so is the freedom which past presidents have enjoyed in committing American armed forces to action. Congress is now a more democratic place with greater powers to control the Executive. In principle this is a good thing but it demands of Congressmen a high degree of maturity and a wider knowledge of international affairs.

## Less dominant

Meanwhile the role of American power in the world will come under closer scrutiny. In all respects this power is now less dominant than it was. Militarily the Soviet Union has gained approximate parity. Elsewhere the possession of nuclear weapons is spreading. Economically the dollar no longer plays the role it did. Politically the American system no longer inspires such wide admiration as before, while the Soviet Union, though still failing to attract much real loyalty, and ideologically far less potent than China, no longer provokes quite the fear and horror which it did in Stalin's day.

Hence the power of the United States to sustain its influence in the world, to protect and inspire its friends, and to prevent the tide of events running against it, is diminishing. The Western world therefore finds itself becoming less confident of its defences against both external military pressure and internal threats to its institutions and its political principles.

## Two flaws

So far this process has not gone dangerously far. There is, for instance, little fear of direct Soviet military intervention in Western Europe, and there is a good deal of evidence that the Soviet Union is not anxious that the activities of Communist parties in Western Europe should increase to the level where they might seriously destabilize the situation. Moreover the Soviet Union itself still suffers from inefficiencies of its own system and from its conspicuous failure to win real loyalty from the peoples of Eastern Europe. It is still a colonial power relying ultimately on armed force to retain its sphere of influence. This gives it an inner weakness potentially at least as significant as that of the West.

The danger is more a long-term one that the United States, faced with inner problems and feeling rejected by an ungrateful and uncontrollable world, will gradually shrink from its responsibilities or miscalculate them. The policy of containing communist expansion which sustained it through the cold war was easily comprehensible in terms of both national interest and ideological conviction. It was, on the whole, an historic success. But there were two flaws. One was the tendency to see the tentacles of a centrally directed communist conspiracy everywhere instead of understanding the national, political and ideological differences that often lay behind communist terminology. The other was the tendency to see the American political system as the natural and universal goal of human endeavour.

There was also a frequent conflict between the ideological commitment of the United States to liberal democracy and the need to maintain overseas bases and military alliances with extremely undemocratic regimes. This has contributed to changing the image of the United States in many parts of the world from that of a revolutionary anti-imperialist country to that of a conservative ally of oppression.

Dr Kissinger has not reversed this trend. He rightly reacted against the world-wide ideological commitments of President Kennedy and sought a policy based more on older European ideas of the balance of power, but by rejecting the (sometimes disastrous) moral element in American policy he also appeared to forget the very practical political implications which follow from America's ability to move men's minds and inspire moral and political loyalty.

As an element in policy this is probably more important at a time when the primary threat to the West is not from hostile military groupings but from the internal failure of confidence and institutions. Even the security of Europe depends not only on the presence of American forces but also on the belief of the Europeans in the political system which these forces represent. To this extent the values which are expressed both in American society and in American foreign policy are important to American security.

This must be just as much a part of a reconsideration of America's role in the world as the more selective cultivation of commitments. The United States no longer has the political or military power to control events everywhere. Nor are its political ideas directly applicable or automatically respected everywhere. But if it can still convince people of the success of its political system and of its basic dedication to freedom, justice and social progress it will not be by any means without influence.

## Stronger

It could even become stronger if it gives up some of its imperial policy for a slightly narrow definition of national interests—provided the definition is not too narrow. It need not be, and judging by President Ford's speech it is not. The isolationist doctrines were exploded by two world wars. Even world-weary Americans will not easily forget the lessons and will see that the security of the United States depends on a network of relationships with countries bound by cultural affinity, geographical proximity, economic interests and strategic importance. They will also see that a Europe abandoned by the United States would probably not rally to its own defence but rush into a variety of accommodations with the Soviet Union.

Thus, although the mood in the United States is going through an isolationist phase, and the old eastern establishment has lost its decisive influence over foreign policy, the future need not be as bleak as is sometimes made out. Indeed, if the lessons of the Vietnam tragedy are taken to heart, the reassessed foreign policy of the United States could emerge as more realistic, more consistent, and therefore in the end more effective.

# THE DAR ES SALAAM DECLARATION

The meeting of Organization of African Unity foreign ministers in Dar es Salaam has agreed to give negotiations a further chance to produce a settlement in Rhodesia but recommends preparations for reversion to guerilla war in case they do not. No time limit is set and the outcome meets the needs and wishes of the four states which have worked for détente—Zambia, Tanzania, Botswana and Mozambique which will join OAU when fully independent in June but is an essential factor in the equation now). The African National Council's leaders will return to Salisbury to renew contacts with Mr Smith, though whether Mr Sithole will return to detention, or take charge of the ANC's new office in Tanzania remains to be seen. Mr Smith might be glad if he broke parole.

Mr Smith cannot now put off the formal constitutional conference much longer. Its venue and chairmanship must be settled soon. He has prepared the ground to some extent by his warnings last week that Rhodesians must accept the rise of mature black leaders. But this is only a tiny step in the unravelling of the 1969 constitution and ten years of Front legislation.

The Zanu guerrillas will now be expected to take their cue and confine themselves to consolidating their position in local areas in Rhodesia and eschew violence. Mr Vorster has yet to confirm that he is withdrawing his police, but it looks as if the OAU decision and that withdrawal were part of an unofficial bargain. The departure of the South Africans can have a constructive effect on all but the most bigoted Rhodesian opinion, which will now feel alone in meeting the black challenge. The military position, however, will not necessarily be altered.

Mr Vorster's satisfaction will be tempered by the hostile recommendations in the rest of the "Declaration". He has promptly turned down the demand that the militant Swapo nationalist party shall be recognized as the sole representative of the people of Namibia (South West Africa). To do otherwise would be to invalidate the elections from which Swapo were excluded. It may not follow that he will persist in the original plan to create eight weak bantustans in the trust territory leaving the Afrikaner-German settlers in control of its best area. So far Mr Vorster has shown no inclination to get as tough with them as he has with the Rhodesians.

His hopes that more "normal" relations with black Africa would form part of the understanding have been snubbed. The Africans' call for a tighter oil embargo, the banning of South African ships, planes and tourists (and anybody else's ships or planes that call at South Africa) and the phasing out of the migrant labour in South Africa's mines. It was noted that somebody ought to pay for the cost of all this. So far from widening the dialogue, President Tolbert was politely reprimanded for stepping out of line and the exclusion of South Africa from the United Nations is to be pursued relentlessly.

Mr Vorster will therefore have to make his domestic changes against a background of African hostility. The ministers saw no wisdom in making a hard task (which Mr Vorster alone could even attempt) a trace easier. The sonorous declaration need not all be taken at its face value. South African reactions may be less subtle than that, but Mr Vorster has to think five years or more ahead.

## Minerals in Wiltshire

*From Mr Michael Hamilton, Conservative MP for Salisbury*

Sir, A few days ago you reported that Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, had given approval for a further ten years of mineral working near Salisbury. Ten years one way or another matter little, and countryside has been damaged before. What is unacceptable is that even a remote village should suffer from the undistinguished conduct of a handful of senior Ministers. The facts are simple and well documented.

The excavating company was originally admitted to Wiltshire by processes which were without precedent and without justice. Twenty-eight days before the inquiry representatives of the company called by appointment at the Department in London, concerned for the confidentiality of their secret processes. Although no part of a planning inquiry had ever been held in private, the civil servant informed them that an inspector has the necessary discretion, and that they should apply for such procedures when the time came. They were thus able to prepare their case for an *in camera* hearing.

On the appointed day the inquiry opened in Salisbury. What could go wrong went wrong. The Minister had warned nobody. Local people were taken aback; they had no opportunity to prepare a defence against this unique procedure. The inspector, alerted before leaving London, acceded to the request that the central evidence be heard in private. An expert witness was excluded because the company objected to his presence.

And thus—as Lord Brooke of Cumnor was later to make clear in the House of Lords—there was no opportunity for the objectors to bring geological evidence to rebut the evidence given on behalf of the company in secret. Permission to quarry followed, and thus was admission to Wiltshire first obtained.

The Minister in charge of the Department at the time, now Lord Greenwood of Rossendale, was innocent of these events. He was never consulted. Nor was his Permanent Secretary, Sir Matthew Stevenson. As Sir Matthew admitted later: "As to the details of the rules I am not really terribly well equipped to answer."

Fortunately the Council on Tribunals grasped the situation clearly. When the case was presented to them, they recommended that new rules for planning inquiries were needed to take account of *in camera* hearings. So the Lord Chancellor, by now Lord Hailsham, to whom the Council on Tribunals were responsible, prepared such rules, incorporating all the necessary safeguards—advance notification of proceedings in private, admission of expert witnesses as of right, and so on. Twenty-five pages ensured that the injustices in Wiltshire could never recur.

But those rules were stillborn. They were never laid before Parliament. Instead the Secretary of State, by now Mr Peter Walker, announced: "It is Government policy that inspectors should in future not accede to requests that they should hear evidence in private at planning inquiries." Yet the damage had been done. By then the company had been admitted to Wiltshire.

We all make mistakes. But when a civil servant is shown to have made a mistake which causes injury to the public, it is the clear duty of Ministers—Lord Greenwood, Lord Hailsham, Mr Walker and Mr Crosland—to acknowledge it, and to make amends. The original appeal should not have been allowed. Having been allowed, it should have been rescinded. But there has been no redress, no public investigation, no word of apology.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HAMILTON,
House of Commons.
April 7.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The orphans of Vietnam

*From Miss Anna Yee-Yu Minall*

Sir, I am now twelve, but when I was 14 months old I was flown from Hongkong by International Social Service. I don't remember anything about Hongkong but I know I was in an orphanage.

Now I have a family of my own, so I am glad I came to England.

I love painting and drawing and go to many exhibitions both of Chinese and English works.

I would much rather be here with my adopted family than in a Chinese orphanage.

Yours faithfully,
ANNA YEE-YU MINALL.
The Vicarage,
Church Street,
Stroud, Gloucestershire.
April 10.

*From Mr Charles F. Moreira*

Sir, In your Editorial in *The Times*, April 9, 1975, you brought up a fairly widespread argument that the Vietnamese orphans would find difficulty adjusting to a different culture from that in which they were born. From what I see on the television, these orphans are mostly below six years old. It is pure common sense that children below the age of six or even ten are only superficially aware of their ethnic, religious, cultural or nationalistic status.

I don't see any reason why, if brought up in a British background, these children should not adapt to British culture when they are older. It all depends on whether their native British peers treat them as one of themselves. If the native British reject them and call them names such as "bloody foreigner", then there is a likelihood of them feeling that they are different. It is up to the native British to accept or reject them.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MOREIRA,
University of Salford Union,
Salford.
April 9.

*From Mr John Stokes, Conservative MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge*

Sir, The fears expressed in many quarters about the difficulties of orphans from Vietnam settling in the totally different environment of this country apply in far greater measure to the children of immigrants and to immigrants themselves. Is not this something which Governments ought to have considered more carefully before allowing such vast numbers of immigrants and their children to settle in this country against the wishes of the indigenous population who understood only too well the real problems involved?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STOKES.
House of Commons.
April 9.

*From Mrs Irma McDonnell*

Sir, Your Editorial (April 9) talks of the Americans assuaging their guilt, and Dr Patricia Penn's letter (April 8) of the Americans salving their consciences by the airlift of Vietnamese orphans.

America took on the cause of democracy in Vietnam, and because they did not succeed received little thanks for it. Their attempt to rescue these children is perhaps misguided or perhaps not, as Dr Griffin's letter today (April 10) suggests. However, it seems they will not be allowed any generous motives for it.

It is interesting that no mention is made of Vietcong guilt.

Yours sincerely,
IRMA McDONNELL.
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Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
April 10.

## Money for the arts

*From Mr Ian Albery and others*

Sir, In the Official Statement issued after Mr Wilson's visit to Russia, reference is made to "the important role of cultural links between peoples of the two countries as a means of promoting fuller mutual knowledge of achievements in literature, art and other fields of cultural activity". A cultural agreement has been signed between the two countries to cover the period 1975-77.

While we appreciate that the Arts Council's grant-in-aid of £26m is a substantial increase on the previous year's subsidy, we members of the Arts Council's Drama Panel believe that the Prime Minister's attention should be urgently drawn to the fact that the money made available to the arts for 1975-76 is so inadequate that our achievements in cultural activity will be seriously impaired. Already the Royal Shakespeare Company has expressed doubts about its ability to fulfil its obligations after the autumn, and some smaller companies must certainly go out of business altogether.

Unless the Treasury is able to release enough money to enable the theatre and the other performing arts to keep pace with the inflation in their costs, any cultural agreement will become a mockery and, what is far worse, the standard of life in this country will be sadly diminished.

We write as individuals with a knowledge of the professional situation from a number of different angles, but the knowledge of the total picture that we have through our membership of the panel which advises the Arts Council on drama policy gives us a particularly clear view of the drastic situation that threatens the nation's theatres.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,
Ian Albery, Alan Ayckbourn, Sue Birtwistle, Alfred Bradley, Roger Chapman, Peter Cheeseman, John W. Clarke, Anthony Everitt, John Ford, Ian Giles, Len Graham, Sheila Hancock, G. Laurence Harbottle, Philip Hedley, Albert Hunt, Roy Kift, J. W. Lambert, Mike Leigh, Charles Lister, Frank Marcus, A. B. Marshall, Cedric Messina, Gareth Morgan, Trevor Nunn, Timothy O'Brien, Donald Sinden, Caroline Smith, Colin Welland, Martin Williams, B. A. Young,
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## Referendum issues: the student vote

*From Mr David Satterthwaite*

Sir, May I as a recent member of a university student council express my scepticism about press reports that the new Left Coalition, dominating the National Union of Students' Executive, will persuade the student body of Britain to vote solidly for leaving the European Community? From my experience, the leaders of student unions—largely drawn from Social Science faculties—tend to concentrate their attention upon issues in a highly manipulative fashion. For instance, they will discuss at length the finer points of Marxist doctrine or whether to support the IRA while showing little interest in trying to improve the conditions of local student life. The result is a massive lack of interest on the part of the general student body and leaves the NUS leadership wholly unrepresentative.

It is doubtful therefore whether any campaign they do against the Common Market will have much effect. Yet it is surely tragic that students should be urged, from any source, to vote against the conquest of a type of national sovereignty which has produced in one generation the two most destructive wars in human history. Surely young people all have a stake in the wider community of man.

Yours truly,
DAVID SATTERTHWAITE,
Iping,
Midhurst,
Sussex.
April 9.

*From Mr R. E. G. Simmerson*

Sir, It is commonplace these days to hear that the miners and their union have the rest of us in a "stranglehold" and that they are in a position to extort any wages they care to name for their services.

This is, of course, nonsense; if the miners appear to have such a stranglehold then it is only because successive governments have repeatedly thrust the collective throat of the nation into their grasp.

In particular Conservative governments could have broken this hold at any time simply by allowing the import of foreign coal and reducing taxes on alternative fuels.

Governments have not so far chosen to exercise their power but, while we were a self-ruling nation, there was at least a chance that one might see the wisdom of such a course.

But if we are to remain in the Common Market then all hope is lost; the Eurocrats are much more likely to increase the volume of regulations, prohibitions and hindrances of all kinds than they are to remove them and we shall be condemned for ever to the mercies of our miners and their Continental colleagues.

Of course the miners themselves will not benefit in the long run; the adverse effect on the British economy will harm everyone within our shores, but the miners would be more than human if they were to reject the power thrust upon them.

If ever the totality of a man's actions could be said to have contributed to the detriment of this nation then that man was Edward Heath. He has now gone; let all his works be consigned to oblivion with him!

Yours faithfully,
R. E. G. SIMMERSON,
Chairman,
Conservatives Against the Common Market,
54 Oxford Road South, W4.

*From Mr A. Manders*

Sir, I would query the interpretation you put on the replies from 419 of Britain's major companies to the question on anticipated medium term capital investment if we leave the EEC.

42.2 per cent (nearly one in two) say that it will be lower and only 1.5 per cent say it will be higher and considering that the companies who replied probably account for about 80 per cent of total investment, then there can be no argument that investment will remain about the same—it will clearly be lower.

All the replies on prospects, foreign earnings and unemployment show a classical skew distribution biased towards staying in—or against coming out depending on which way your statistician draws it.

Yours faithfully,
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Edgbaston, Birmingham.
April 9.

*From Mr J. C. Morgan*

Sir,
Now from the Common Market vote
All Bolshies in the land will note
That Harold, after all his tricks,
Only leads the Mensheviks.

Yours etc,
J. C. MORGAN,
Oak Bank, Ashurst, Kent.
April 10.

## Increases in rates

*From the Chairman of Hampshire County Council*

Sir, I would like to support Sir Meredith Whittaker (April 9) in his commendation of your recent excellent leader and also to welcome Mr Boynton's article (April 3). May I add one or two personal comments?

There is, I believe, a real desire by nearly all the press to report on local government fairly, but many people, even in the City and Westminster, find themselves out of sympathy with, if not ignorant of, our activities and problems. May I use my own county Hampshire to illustrate those problems, not because it is a special case but rather because it is representative of many of the county authorities.

We have budgeted to spend this year only 4 per cent more in real terms than last year; this means that the only developments now going forward are those urgently required to meet the demands of crucial areas of service. Specific examples are on primary and secondary education, where 300 more teachers will be employed, the police force where 100 extra officers will be recruited; new buildings coming into operation during the year will provide 10,000 new places in schools and 375 places in homes for the elderly, the physically and the mentally handicapped. All this is to meet a genuine and understandable demand.

A great deal of thought and discussion has been given to limiting our costs but of course any efforts we make at restraint are completely swamped by the effects of inflation. As a labour intensive organization, our staff costs reflect the increase in pay levels of the community generally. The recent Houghton Award for teachers, for example, will cost the county council no less than £14m next year. Few people, I imagine, would suggest that we offset this extra cost by making teachers, social workers or firemen redundant. Inflation has forced us to put up our rate by 22 per cent which is within Mr Crosland's forecast but higher than we would wish.

The critics of rate increase of this order must, however, ask themselves what other services or commodities available to the community are likely to rise in price by a smaller percentage during a 12 month period. Even at the new level of rates, an average householder with a ratable value of about £275 will most likely have a rates bill for county services which is no higher than the average expenditure on alcohol—or tobacco—or the cost of 2½ gallons of petrol a week. This is not an excessive price to pay for education, roads, police, consumer protection, social service and the many other services provided by local government.

Our critics also speak wildly of massive over-staffing. May I again quote some Hampshire figures. The total number of *posts* including both county and district council services in Hampshire has risen by 5 per cent in the 12 month period covering reorganization. This is a smaller rise than we have normally been experiencing annually over the last few years as a result of the expansion of services which, one must reiterate, is determined largely by legislation and central government directives. Most of the authorities have, either because suitable staff are not available, or by self denying policy decisions, kept many posts vacant even though this affects the standard of service. In this county 10 per cent of all posts are still empty.

In effect, therefore, there has been no increase in staff numbers simply as a result of reorganization except in the planning service which was divided by Parliament between the new counties and districts. Any growth in numbers arises not from reorganization but from the inexhaustible demands for local authority services. If there has to be continued economy, the first restraints must be on the public and political pressures, which force local authorities into extra expenditure.

Yours faithfully,
PORCHESTER, Chairman,
Hampshire County Council,
The Castle,
Winchester.
April 10.

## Discovery of pulsars

*From Professor Sir Martin Ryle, FRS*

Sir, Professor Hewish has, in his letter printed today (April 11), given the facts relating to the discovery of pulsars, but as Director of the Observatory where this work was done, I feel that I must comment on the implication by Sir Fred Hoyle (April 8) that there was something improper in following up the initial discovery by further observations to investigate the nature of the source, before reporting the discovery.

As Professor Hewish has stated, the first evidence for the existence of a new class of source, emitting regular pulses, was obtained on November 28, 1967. During the following three weeks there followed an extensive search to ensure that these signals were not man-made—which would have been a trivial result, and to consider the possibility that they might originate in another intelligent civilization—the implications of which would have been so far-reaching that it would have been highly irresponsible to publish without very careful deliberation.

By the new year both these possibilities could reasonably be excluded, but at the same time it was evident that a further investigation of the source at other wavelengths and with other instruments might provide information on the nature of this new and strange object. We were able to do this work immediately with other instruments at our disposal, and during the following three weeks were able to show that the source was at stellar distances and was most probably associated with an object having the size and mass of the theoretically-predicted neutron stars. These results were written up and submitted to *Nature* during the first week in February. The total time between establishing that the signals originated in a natural source, and the submission of the note to *Nature* was thus approximately 4½ weeks—which does not seem to represent an undue delay.

In the long history of science it has, I think, been regarded as the right of an individual or group making a scientific discovery to follow up this discovery without any obligation to publish the first preliminary result. In so doing they run the risk of prior publication by another group, but they may prefer to take this risk in order to be able to present the results of a proper investigation rather than give some unconfirmed and half-understood result. The present overloading of scientific journals by the publication of preliminary measurements and half-thought-out ideas would be relieved if this view were more widespread today.

Yours, etc,
MARTIN RYLE,
Department of Physics,
University of Cambridge,
Cavendish Laboratory,
Madingley Road,
Cambridge.

## Exorcism: medicine and religion

*From Mr John V. Nicholas*

Sir, Professor Trethowan (March 31) may consider it "medieval mumbo-jumbo" but from my view[point] as an analytical psychologist there are important lessons to be learnt from both "possession" and the ritual of exorcism. These esoteric experiences can provide us with valuable psychological insight.

It matters little whether we call the malfunctioning of the psyche "demonic possession", a "hysterical phenomenon" or a "psychosis". None of these labels further our knowledge of its psychogenesis. Nor is it fruitful to condemn either the therapeutic methods of religions or those of psychiatry. Both have their successes and failures.

Modern medicine has become highly technical, specialized and bureaucratized. It has become split off from its original religious roots. Priest and medicine man were once one.

Present day psychotherapy in all its many forms is still affected by the images constellated by these antecedents. Success and failure in analysis is also not far removed from that of exorcism. The "demons" have but different names and the rituals take place in a psychotherapeutic setting rather than religious. But in both cases the relationship to the individual is of crucial importance.

Of paramount significance is the force or healing power of transformation which is unknown and which can only be approached through symbolism. Both exorcism and psychotherapy rely on the powers of the unconscious for their efficacy.

The unconscious is still a largely unknown, unexplored territory lying beyond our conscious concepts of time, space and causality. The images of this other world were studied by both Freud and Jung, although the latter went beyond the personal realm into that of the collective unconscious.

There has always been a striving towards this realm in all cultures throughout history. It has been dramatically expressed in certain mystery rites celebrating ritual death and rebirth. What motivates man in this direction seems to be a deep spiritual force derived from impersonal and collective conditions which expresses a basic psychic need to transcend the purely personal.

Western man, especially, has tended to shift the emphasis towards materialism, technology, power and wealth. When these modern idols cease to bring satisfaction an *enantiodromia* sets in which is evidenced by the present day fascination with the occult. In the ancient mysteries modern man seeks the answer to the riddle that is himself.

The sense of the beyond, what Rudolf Otto called, "the Wholly Other" and Jung, the "numinous" is vitally important for man's psychic health. The manifestations of this psychic activity are alternatively felt to be either "demonic" or "holy". They have the power to either destroy or heal. It is only through an integration of these unconscious images that the fragmentary alienated egoconsciousness becomes a psychic whole. The more man is split off from the other side, ie, unconscious, the more he is liable to outbursts of affect and obsessions.

Such a person complains, "I don't know what ails me. I was not myself. I don't know what the devil got into me". All of these expressions of confusion allude to lack of control, loss of consciousness. Quite simply, these are the mild manifestations of unconscious complexes. When the strength of these autonomous complexes exceeds that of the conscious will, they exert a "possessive" effect on the personality. Man is no longer a free agent, no longer master in his house.

Jung always maintained that although it was common knowledge that we all have complexes, it was far more important to realize that the complexes can also have us.

Sincerely,
JOHN V. NICHOLAS.
30b Heath Drive, NW3
April 5.

## Preserving Pylos

*From Mrs Helen Phillipson*

Sir, It is good to realize that the National Trust for Greece, through the agency of Mr Robin Fedden, is concerned about "preserving Pylos".

As a Pyliot who has never lost contact, I must plead the cause of the people who live there. They are united in their support of the industrialization plan which would keep the area alive and stop the exodus of their children to foreign parts in search of work. For the first time in their history the Pyliots decided, painfully indeed, to betray their traditional loyalties and ask for the right to survive.

It is surely possible for the Government to conceive a compromise—the geography is right—between an "economically desirable development" and the preservation of history and natural beauty.

Yours very sincerely,
HELEN PHILLIPSON.
Flat 10,
16 Montagu Street, W1.
April 3.

## Oldest boat club

*From Mr E. M. Noyes*

Sir, I fear that the outing, for it was no more than that, reported by Mr H. M. Stewart of St John's College (April 9) can be greatly ante-dated: At some time in the tenth century, the exact date is not known, it is reported that King Edgar, called "The Peaceable", was conveyed in great state on the Cheshire River Dee from his palace in West Chester to the Church of St John and back again, the crew being eight Kings, while King Edgar himself steered.

The account of this expedition is given by William of Malmesbury, and quoted in the history of the Royal Chester Rowing Club.

Yours faithfully,
E. M. NOYES,
Royal Chester RC Vice-President,
Adecroft
16 Birds' Hill Drive,
Oxshott, Surrey.
April 9.

# COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 11: The Queen this morning travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Norwich and was received upon arrival at Norwich Airport by the Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Sir Edmund Bacon, Bt.) and the Lord Mayor of Norwich (Councillor W. A. J. Spear).

Her Majesty drove to Norwich Cathedral and, having been received at the Great West Door by the Lord Bishop of Norwich (the Right Reverend Maurice Wood) and the Dean (the Very Reverend Alan Webster), attended a Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the Cathedral.

The Queen then visited the Anne French Hall, opened the Norwich Cathedral Visitors' Centre and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty later honoured the Lord Mayor and Councillors with Her presence at luncheon in the City Hall.

The Queen this afternoon visited Queen Elizabeth Close, a WRVS Housing Scheme for the elderly and frail.

The Duchess of Grafton, Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris and Major Robin Broke were in attendance.

The Countess of Ypres gave birth to a daughter in London yesterday.

Personal tributes from Mr Paul Gallico and Mr Cecil Roberts were included in the appreciation given by Lord Glendevon at the memorial service for Mrs Vivian Wanamaker on Wednesday.

## Birthdays today

Marquess Camden, 76; General Sir Richard Goodbody, 72; Miss Joan Grant, 68; Lord Inglewood, 66; Lord MacDermott, 79; Air Marshal Sir Harold Maguire, 63; Sir Donald Perrott, 73; Mr William Redpath, 82.

TOMORROW: Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin, 83; Mr Samuel Beckett, 69; Marshal of the RAF Sir Arthur Harris, 83; Lord James of Rusholme, 66; Canon J. N. D. Kelly, 66; the Right Rev D. G. Loveday, 79; Sir Paul Sinker, 70; Sir Derek Walker-Smith, QC, MP, 65; Sir John Whyatt, 70; Major-General Sir John Winterton, 77.

## Church news

The Rev E. J. Utley, chaplain of Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, to be Rural Dean of Birmingham City Deanery.

The Rev B. Watchorn, former chaplain of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, to be Vicar of St George's, Chesterton, diocese of Ely.

The Rev R. S. Werrell, Rector of Combs, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Bootle, diocese of Liverpool.

The Rev C. J. Young, Rector of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, diocese of Southwell, to be Vicar of Balderton, same diocese.

**Diocese of Monmouth**

The Rev E. J. Connor, Rector of North Hill and Vicar of Lewannick, diocese of Truro, to be Rector of Llanddewi Skirrid and Llanvetherine and Llangattock Lingoed with Llanfair.

The Rev P. C. G. Gower, Vicar of Cwmbran, to be Vicar of Raglan with Llandenny and Llansoy.

The Rev Dr K. M. Denison, curate at Bassaleg (in charge of High Cross), to be Vicar of Mathern and Mounton.

Canon F. G. Jenkins, Vicar of Risca, to be Vicar of Caerleon.

The Rev D. L. Smith, curate at Henllys with Bettws, to be priest-in-charge of St Hilary Greenway.

**Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich**

The Rev B. Reckerlng, Vicar of Kippington, Sevenoaks, diocese of Rochester, to be Rector of East Bergholt.

The Rev F. J. Prebble, Vicar of St Saviour's, Saltley, diocese of Birmingham, to Rector of St Mary's, Capel.

**Diocese of Truro**

The Rev J. C. Hutton, Vicar of Earley, Reading, diocese of Oxford, to be Rector of Ludgvan.

The Rev D. J. McL. Jasper, team vicar of Redruth, to be Vicar of St Just in Penwith.

The Rev G. G. Pinnock, curate at St Philip with Bartholomew's, Battersea, diocese of Southwark, to be priest in charge of Boconnoc with Bradoc.

The Rev M. J. W. Warner, curate at St Mary's, Plympton, diocese of Exeter, to be Vicar of St Goran with St Michael's, Caerhays.

## Today's engagements

British Library exhibition: "Darwins and Cornfords", British Museum, 10-5.

English Sculpture, 1600-1850, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 10-6.

Collection of Old Master Drawings, National Book League, 7 Albemarle Street, 10-1 (final day).

Second World War aircraft exhibition. Skyframe Aircraft Museum, Staverton airport, Cheltenham, 11-5.

London walk: A London village—Hampstead; meet Hampstead Underground station, 2.

## Tomorrow

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president in chief of the British Racing Drivers' Club, visits Silverstone circuit and declares open the new pits, 12.30.

Exhibition: Prehistoric flint mines, Grime's Graves, British Museum, 2.30-6.

HMS Belfast, floating naval museum, Pool of London, 11-4.

City walk: Thomas More's Chelsea, meet Chelsea Town Hall, King's Road, 3.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr D. J. Backhouse and Miss S. P. Barber**

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Backhouse, of Cocklereave, Henley Lane, Box, Wiltshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Barber, of 3 Coach House Lane, Wimbledon, SW19.

**Mr B. J. Whitmill and Miss W. E. Scott**

The engagement is announced between Bruce John, fourth son of Mr and Mrs James Whitmill, of Mill Hill, London, and Wanda Elizabeth, second daughter of Dr and Mrs Thomas Gilbert Scott, of Keepers Cottage, Cot Road, Illogan, Redruth, Cornwall.

## Marriages

**Mr L. S. Burn and the Hon A. C. Wilberforce**

The marriage took place on April 5 at St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, of Mr Lindsay Stuart Burn, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Burn, and the Hon Anne Catherine Wilberforce, daughter of Lord and Lady Wilberforce. The ceremony was performed by Father Charles Roux and the Rev Norman Miller.

Lieutenant Lorimer Burn, RN, was best man. A reception was given by the bride's parents in Lincoln's Inn.

**Mr T. C. Thurlby and Miss H. A. Leather**

A service of blessing was held yesterday at St John's parish church, Pembroke, Bermuda, after the marriage of Mr Thomas Christopher Thurlby, son of Professor and Mrs Harold H. Thurlby, of Cataumet, Massachusetts, and Miss Hope Alexie Leather, elder daughter of the Governor of Bermuda and Lady Leather, Government House, Bermuda. The Bishop of Bermuda and Canon Maurice Wheatley took part in the service.

The bride wore a gown of ivory tissue taffeta cut on classical lines with a long train. Her antique Brussels lace veil was held in place by a tiara of gold vine leaves and lapis lazuli and she carried a bouquet of white orchids. Mrs F. K. Friel, sister of the bride, attended her. Mr Samuel Riker III was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent cruising in the Caribbean.

# Dietrich Bonhoeffer: assassin or saint?

By Paul Oestreicher

At the recent consecration of Dr John Taylor to the See of Winchester, the preacher, Desmond Tutu (now Dean-designate of Johannesburg) did not provide the staple Westminster Abbey diet. He put some of the hard questions that Africans can no longer suppress. "You Europeans"—I quote from memory—"venerate Dietrich Bonhoeffer as the martyr of this century. He was executed for his part in a bomb plot that failed to kill Hitler. Yet when we Africans resort to the same methods to destroy tyranny, we are dismissed as violent terrorists." Such double-think has penetrated deeply into our Western churches.

This week's thirtieth anniversary of Bonhoeffer's death is no bad time to ask some self-critical questions. The current theology which sanctifies revolution is one easy way out of the double-think. It leaves Bonhoeffer's halo intact and turns wars of liberation into crusades. But it is not radical. It is dangerously close to the reactionary theology of national chauvinism, the theology of both British and German establishments in the First World War. Death for the nation and its freedom is equated with Christ's death on Calvary. It is the theology of "O Valiant Hearts", still celebrated with fixed bayonets in many of our cathedrals on Remembrance Sunday:

Proudly you gathered rank on rank to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar . . .
These were his servants, in his steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor he rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.

Canon Burgess Carr, General Secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches, echoed this theology when he claimed that Christ's violent death sanctifies violent struggles for justice. But most of our stalwart celebrants of Remembrance festivals have the effrontery to jeer at Canon Carr's theology. They fail to recognize their mirror-image. Africans have learnt from us too well. Christ's lesson is a different one. The "Lamb that was slaughtered" offered no resistance and, dying, prayed for his executioners.

Bonhoeffer knew this. In defiance of Lutheran orthodoxy, he was a pacifist. He knew that the Gospel's demand was to overcome evil with goodness; totally uncommon sense. For him, seeing no other practical alternative, the bitter paradox was his readiness to die as an assassin, throwing himself on God's forgiving grace. Accepting forgiveness in humble submission, he was able to ascend the scaffold hopefully: "This is the end, for me the beginning of life."

Bonhoeffer himself divorced his complicity in the bomb plot from his ministry. He did not attempt to justify it theologically, let alone to sanctify it. He acted like an honest black Rhodesian friend of mine who simply says: "For now, we've no choice but to put our Christianity into suspense." Bonhoeffer would not have put it like that, but he had no illusions about the bitter and unresolved tensions between discipleship and political responsibility. But, living by grace, the tension did not break him. He acted when other good men were lost in prevarication.

Bonhoeffer longed to transcend the limitations of European theology. He dearly wished to visit India and to learn from Gandhi. Perhaps the astute and saintly Hindu, so often nearer to Christ's heart and mind than many a Christian theologian, had part of the answer to this dilemma when he once wrote that the man who refuses to resist evil denies his humanity while the man who resists evil violently affirms it. But the man who resists evil with love affirms his divinity. In the language of mysticism rather than of theology, even the apostle of non-violence preached that it was better to choose weapons of violence than not to fight at all.

The dead of the First World War, the French Resistance a generation later, Bonhoeffer the failed assassin, the dead liberators of Zimbabwe and Namibia, all, in their way, affirmed their humanity. They give us good cause for grateful remembrance. But "following the martyred Son of God" was left to a tiny, mostly unsung number, like the Catholic peasant Franz Jägerstätter who, citing Jesus, refused to join Hitler's legions and went knowingly to the guillotine.* There is room, with Christ in glory, not only for the obedient peasant but for the forgiven freedom-fighter and also for the many weak and bewildered characters like Peter and the rest of us. In God's mercy there is room too for the frightened tyrant who knows only dimly what he is doing.

* The life and death of Franz Jägerstätter is retold with sensitivity and restraint in the film The Refusal, now showing in London at the Academy Three Cinema, Oxford Street.

## Latest wills

Professor Norman Brandon Capon, of Ruthin, North Wales, left £38,638 net (duty paid £350). He left £10,000 to Cheltenham Ladies College and £1,000 each to the child health department of Liverpool University, Liverpool Medical Institution, Liverpool College, for the benefit of the boys' school, the Royal College of Physicians, and the school of dental surgery, Liverpool University.

Miss Julie Juliet Stewart, of Epsom, left £84,546 (no duty shown). After personal bequests totalling £3,250, she left the residue equally between the National Society for Cancer Relief and the League Against Cruel Sports.

Mr Horace George Dudley, of Gatley, Greater Manchester, retired railway inspector, left £20,318 net (no duty shown). After personal legacies totalling £3,200, he left the residue to Gatley Congregational Church for distribution to annual appeals from charities.

## Luncheons

**Foreign and Commonwealth Office**

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at Lancaster House in honour of a party of senior newspaper editors from Japan. Among the guests were:

The Ambassador for Japan, Mr Julian Riddale, MP, Sir John Pilcher, Mr John Whitehorn, and Mr Norman Willis.

**British Council**

Mr J. D. B. Fowells, assistant director-general, British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cavendish Hotel in honour of Professor Alexander Fol, vice-chairman, Bulgarian Committee for Art and Culture.

## Reception

**Corporation of London**

The Corporation of London gave a reception last night at Guildhall on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations Association. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:

Mr J. Roper, MP, chairman of the general council, UNA, and Mrs Roper; the High Commissioner for Ghana and Mrs Sekyi, the High Commissioner for India, the High Commissioner for Botswana, Lord Gladwin, Lord and Lady Byers, Mr Philip Noel-Baker, Sir Leonard and Lady Behrens, General Sir Robert Adam, Mr E. Price-Holmes, chairman of the national executive committee, Mr Frank Field, director, UNA, and Mrs Field, members of the United Nations Association, aldermen, councilmen and officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

## Dinners

**Duke of Rutland**

The Duke of Rutland entertained members of the British Legal Association at dinner in the House of Lords last night. The principal guests were Lord and Lady Foot, Mr and Mrs G. R. Mott, Mr Walter Clegg, MP, and Mrs Clegg, Mr and Mrs Neville Vandyk and Mr and Mrs A. J. Richards.

**Ordnance Board**

Members and officers of the Ordnance Board held their annual dinner last night at the Naval and Military Club. The occasion marked the retirement of Air Vice-Marshal W. Sykes as president of the board. The new president, Major-General P. J. M. Pellereau, was among those present, and Captain J. B. Butchard, RN, presided.

**Señora de Anchorena**

The Argentine Ambassador and Señora de Anchorena gave a dinner party yesterday in honour of Mrs Savino, wife of the Minister of Defence of Argentina. Among the guests were:

The Venezuelan Ambassador and Señora Perez de la Cova, the Mexican Ambassador and Señora de Margain, the Colombian Ambassador and Señora de Vazquez-Carrizosa, Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Mary Princess of Pless, Commodore and Mrs Van Thienen, Captain and Mrs Le Pera, Mr and Mrs John Cope, Mrs Anne Evans and Mr Horacio Grisolia.

**Metropolitan Special Constabulary**

The annual dinner of Metropolitan Special Constabulary commandants was held last night at St Stephen's Club. The chief commandant, Mr A. A. Hammond, was in the chair and guests included Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, and Lady Mark, Mr J. Starritt, deputy commissioner, and Mrs Starritt, and Mr R. J. Mastel, assistant commissioner, 'A' Department, and Mrs Mastel.

**Frazer, Whiting and Co**

The partners of Frazer, Whiting and Co were hosts at a dinner held at the Savoy Hotel last night to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the firm. Among those present were the founder, Mr William Frazer, clients of the firm for over 25 years and representatives from associated firms in the United Kingdom and overseas.

## Service dinner

**RNC Dartmouth**

A reunion dinner of RNC Dartmouth, Drake Term 1929-1932 was held last night in HMS Mercury. Commander Archibald Gray presided and Captain Macro Wilson was vice-president. The guests included:

Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Rebbeck, Instructor Rear-Admiral Sir John Fleming, the Hon William Douglas-Home, Mr Tim Hardinge, Lieutenant-Colonel Clinton Henshaw, Dr Denis McGill and Major-General Roger St John.

## University news

**Oxford**

MERTON COLLEGE, Dr C. B. Schmitt, BChE (Louisville), PhD (Columbia), lecturer in the history of science and philosophy, Warburg Institute, has been elected to a visiting research fellowship for Hilary Term, 1976.

IBM United Kingdom research fellowships, tenable for two years, from October 1 have been awarded to G. Brown, Christ Church, biochemistry; Dr C. R. A. Catlow, St John's College, theoretical chemistry; Dr D. R. T. Jones, St Edmund Hall, theoretical physics; Dr G. J. Thomson, St Hilda's College, biochemistry (genetics).

**St Andrews**

Professor K. J. Dover, dean of the faculty of arts and professor of Greek, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Appointments:

Dr J. M. Doherty, BA (Dublin), MSc (Pennsylvania), PhD (Lond), lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to be lecturer in the department of geography from September 1.

**Edinburgh**

Professor I. M. Drummond, Professor of Economics at Toronto University, is to be the first holder of the chair of Canadian studies.

**Hull**

Dr B. Moloney, senior lecturer in Italian at Leeds University, has been appointed to the chair of Italian.

The EEC has awarded £21,500 to Dr E. L. Thomas, department of applied physics, for research into the remote sensing of chemical pollution in the atmosphere and £18,709 to Dr Thomas and Dr F. J. Bryant, department of physics, for research into the fabrication of current-tunable diode lasers and their use in atmospheric pollution monitoring.

The Science Research Council has awarded £15,073 to Dr I. G. Jones, department of biochemistry, for studies on mitochondrial DNA, studies on dehydrogenases and £15,501 to Dr G. Goldspink, department of zoology, for an investigation into bioenergetic efficiency of various vertebrate muscles during different types of contractile activity.



Canaletto's "Riva degli Schiavoni", which was sold at Christie's yesterday for £69,300.

# £137,550 for two Canalettos

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A rare English treasure was sold at Sotheby's yesterday to the Lebanese dealer, M. Atallah, for £11,500. It was one of only two known pieces of furniture signed by the eighteenth-century cabinet-maker, Christopher Fuhrlogh. The underbidder was from Germany.

Fuhrlogh was Swedish-born, trained in Paris, but made his career in England and he introduced the latest Paris fashion to London when he arrived in 1767. The fine marquetry commode, with a central panel imitating in wood a painting by Angelica Kauffman, was a fine example of this transitional rococo-neo-classical style. Sotheby's had estimated £6,000 to £8,000.

The sale of English furniture, carpets and works of art saw rather selective bidding but recorded a few high prices. A pair of giltwood state sofas from Syon House, sent for sale by the Duke of Northumberland, went for £1,400 (estimate £1,000 to £2,000) to R. A. Lee on behalf of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The sofas were by Morel and Hughes, who worked for the Duke of Northumberland in the early 1820s, supplying what Ackermann's Repository of Arts described in 1825 as "Magnificent Furniture". The sale also contained a rare dockyard model of a man-of-war of 1700-04 which made £8,000 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000).

Christie's were holding their major spring Old Master painting sale, which totalled £673,155, with some 17 per cent unsold. The sale went extremely well in view of the present economic climate, though there were no major surprises. Two large Venetian views by Canaletto brought the top prices at £69,300 and £68,250; Christie's had been estimating £45,000 to £55,000. The pictures were a pair, both finely painted but in somewhat muted colours. They were sold to a Belgian private collector.

Demand for Venetian views is apparently unflagging; in addition to the Canalettos there were two slighter works by Guardi. A view of the Rialto made £27,300 (estimate £20,000) and the "Canale della Giudecca" £24,150 (estimate £15,000) to Leger.

Dutch ice-skating scenes brought notably high prices. "A frozen river landscape", by Barent Avercamp, made £37,800 (estimate £20,000); another, attributed in a special sale room notice to Van Goyen on the authority of Dr H. U. Beck, made £15,750 (estimate £12,000 to £15,000) to Brod; and an Adam van Breen "Winter townscape" sold at £7,350 (estimate £6,000) to Parviz.

Two works of special charm were the "Sultane blanche" and "Eunuque noir" by Jean Barbault, which went to Richard Green at £4,410 and £8,610 (each estimated at £3,500). They dated from 1748, when the French Academy in Rome organized a Masquerade à l'orientale.

The director of the academy, Jean-François de Troy, entrusted the design of the costumes to Joseph Vien and Jean Barbault, then a student, was directed to record the costumes in a series of 20 paintings. Nine of those were previously known and yesterday's two, which have only recently come to light, bring the count to 11. They were painted quickly, with striking brio and charm.

Another striking work was the small, late "Flight into Egypt", by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, which went to E. Speelman at £37,800 (estimate £35,000-£40,000).

Hodgson's Rooms, Sotheby's book saleroom in Chancery Lane, had an unusual property comprising 89 English Gothick novels, sent for sale anonymously from abroad. The novels dated from 1773-1825 and had been collected by Ludwig, Graf (later Fürst) Starhemberg, who was appointed Austrian ambassador to London in 1793. They were presumably his wife's favourite reading, for her inscription appears on title pages, sometimes clipped in the course of rebinding in pale blue, pink or green half calf.

Sotheby's had estimated around £30-£50 a novel, but in the event the books made two or three times that price. The most expensive was The Sorrows of Matilda, of 1798 (author unknown) at £210; The Mysterious Visit, of 1802, by Mrs Eliza Parsons made £200, as did Destination, by Clara Reeve, of 1799. The 89 novels brought a total of £9,912.

# Karpov wants to negotiate new match with Fischer

Moscow, April 11.—Anatoly Karpov, the new world chess champion, today challenged Bobby Fischer, his American predecessor, to a match under conditions to be decided between them personally.

Karpov said in an interview with Soviet Sport that he wanted to enter into direct negotiations with Fischer and to cut out the International Chess Federation (Fide). He mentioned Milan as a possible venue for the match.

Karpov was declared champion last week when Fischer refused to defend his world crown against him in a match billed to begin in October in Manila. Fischer's withdrawal followed Fide's rejection of his demand that the 23-year-old Soviet player should beat him by at least 10 games to eight to take the title.

"There can be no question of the old match", Karpov said. "Now I am already world champion, and I want talks only with a view to a new match. If Fischer agrees, I am ready to play him under fixed conditions that we will both stipulate."

Karpov said the Fide rules for the world championship match were "unsatisfactory". He demanded that they be changed before the next interzonal tournament or at least before the tournament to find his first challenger.

Karpov also criticized Fischer's behaviour in 1970 and 1972 before he won the world titl from Boris Spassky in Reykjavik.

Karpov said: "His brilliant victories with impressive scores were not only the result of his superiority in chess, but also of the psychological pressure he exerted on his opponents.

"Fischer was constantly creating an atmosphere of great nervousness with his protests and complaints. He brought agitation and confusion into our world."—Agence France-Presse.

## 25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, April 12, 1950

### Yemen exodus

From Our Special Correspondent in Aden

The evacuation of Jews from the Yemen shows no sign of slackening after 10 months of organized movement involving the arrival in Israel of 38,000 men, women and children. The Israeli Minister of Immigration expected it to be completed by the end of January, but Jewish officials here will not now hazard a guess about how many are still to come, and how long it will take to get them to Israel.

The cost of this evacuation is but part of the burden which the absorption of these primitive people in a modern society entails. The Yemeni is a good worker, but was never allowed to own or work land, and generally he is a small shopkeeper, or silversmith. Israel already has too many of the former.

# OBITUARY

## WALKER EVANS

### Significant American photographer

Walker Evans died in New Haven, Connecticut, on April 10, without regaining consciousness after suffering a stroke at his home. He was 71.

Born in a respectable Chicago suburb in 1903, the son of an advertising executive, he moved to New York in his teens and studied literature for a time at Harvard. In 1926 he went to Paris for a year, read Flaubert and Baudelaire and watched the intellectual scenery, returning to New York in 1927 somewhat out of sympathy with the aims, style and monetary preoccupation of the American establishment. He took his first serious photographs in 1928 with a vest pocket camera. Until then uninterested in picture making, he was free of the traditional pictorial constraints, rigorous in his approach, picking up rather the qualities of the ubiquitous and typical visual ephemera around him—postcards, news pictures, signboards, newsreels: the vocabulary of the invisible. He began to use it with an intelligence of eye and mind, a simple, artless stylishness, which focused attention on the picture itself, and seemed so effortless that neither the mechanics or personality behind the work intruded upon its deliverance of the facts.

He met, and got to know well, Lincoln Kirstein, Hart Crane and Ben Shan. From 1935 he worked for the Farm Security Administration, taking the pictures of the American Dustbowl for which he is best known today. More important was his collaboration with James Agee on this project, resulting in the historic piece of journalism, which has taken its place in literature, Let Us Now Praise Famous Men. He went on to take his famous snapshots of anonymous subway riders, street portraits in Chicago and the series taken from trains, challenging directly the accepted notions of the time. From 1943 he was a staff-writer on Time Magazine, and from 1945 to 1965 on Fortune. In 1965 he became Professor of Art at Yale. He took teaching seriously, loved young people and respected the privacy of their minds. He continued working on his own photographs and planning projects, in particular a visit to England, where he has many friends, to help with work on a major retrospective of his work to be held here next year. He left behind him a body of work which is the purest and strongest aesthetic statement made in American photography this century, and as a person he will be missed immeasurably for the integrity, charm and wit fully expressed in his work.

## M JOSEPH LANIEL

M Joseph Laniel, who died on Tuesday at the age of 85, was Prime Minister of France from June, 1953, to June, 1954, a bad period for France and for French political institutions.

His right-wing government which had the support of the Radicals and some Gaullists, was elected after a five-week parliamentary crisis during which Paul Reynaud called France "The Sick Man of Europe". It was a period in which events in Indo-China and North Africa were demanding bold and liberal policies and when London and Washington were becoming increasingly insistent that France should sign the European Defence Community Treaty and so make possible a German contribution to the defence of Europe. It was Laniel's misfortune not to have a clear majority for any of these things. At the Bermuda conference with Eisenhower and Churchill, no great politeness was shown to the French Prime Minister and this, though it made French opinion indignant, did not make Laniel popular. Events in Indo-China moved fast towards disaster and though the Geneva conference opened in 1954 little progress was made and the Laniel government was overthrown three days after the fall of Dien Bien Phu. The election of the second President of the Fourth Republic, René Coty, took place during the Laniel Government and the 13 ballots and the six days of manoeuvring at Versailles did not resound to the credit of the system—or to that of Laniel who was an unsuccessful candidate.

Born at Vimoutiers on October 12, 1889, Laniel directed the old established family textile business with great skill and was one of the richest men in parliament. He entered the Assembly in 1932 as Deputy for Calvados and served in the Reynaud government from June, 1940, as Under-Secretary for Finance. During the war this placid stocky Norman businessman was one of the few right-wing politicians to side with the Resistance. He was vice-President of the Conseil National de la Résistance and walked with General de Gaulle down the Champs Elysées in the victory march after the liberation of Paris. Though Laniel lacked imagination and perhaps force of character in dealing with foreign affairs (he was in many ways ill-served by his Foreign Minister Bidault, he was no reactionary bigot. Unsuccessful abroad, his government stabilized the franc, kept prices down in France and encouraged the modernization of French industry. Indeed Laniel and his Finance Minister Edgar Faure played a major part in making possible the long period of French economic prosperity.

He published Jours de Gloire et Jours Cruels (1908-1958) in 1971.

## MARJORIE MAIN

Marjorie Main, the hatchet-faced, saw-voiced character actress, co-star with Percy Kilbride of the popular Ma and Pa Kettle hillbilly films of the 1940s, has died at the age of 85 in Los Angeles. She played tough but generally likeable characters in scores of pictures. She entered hospital on April 3 and died while writing her memoirs.

Born Mary Tomlinson Krebs in Action, Indiana, she made her stage debut in 1916 with John Barrymore in Cheating Cheaters. Her film debut came in 1931 in A House Divided.

Among the films in which she was seen were Meet Me In St Louis, Dead End, The Egg and I, Rosemarie, The Women, Test Pilot and Friendly Persuasion. She also appeared in vaudeville, radio, Broadway and television.

Miss Main had been a widow for 25 years.

The Rev William Illsley, a former president of the Methodist Conference of South Africa, has died in Cape Town at the age of 79. He was born near Sheffield and studied at the Hartley Theological College, Manchester.

## MR G. RAFFLES

Mr Gerry Raffles, former general manager of the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, who was concerned with the bringing of the early plays of Brendan Behan and Shelagh Delaney to the West End stage has died in Lyons. He was 53. He was closely associated with Miss Joan Littlewood and the Theatre Workshop Company based at the Theatre Royal. They helped the company establish an important place in the postwar British theatre.

## MR JOHN BAILEY

Mr John Bailey, the former Democratic national chairman, who was instrumental in convincing his party to nominate John F. Kennedy for President of the United States, died on Thursday at the age of 70. He was leader of the Connecticut Democrats from 1946 and was the Democratic national party chairman after Kennedy's election.

Mr Charles Wesley Roberts, briefly Republican party national chairman under President Eisenhower, has died at the age of 72.

## Science report

# Biology: Such stuff as genes are made on

Having discovered 22 years ago the structure of DNA, biologists are only now beginning to find out how it is packed into a plant or animal cell. A recent theory of its configuration in the cell is receiving support from many types of experiment with animal cells, and now there is evidence that it also holds true for plant cells.

Each human cell contains about one metre of DNA, which must somehow be packed into a cell nucleus 10 micrometres across. Moreover, the arrangement of the DNA must be flexible enough for it to be unwound when the DNA is replicated, and for different parts of the DNA to interact at different times with the various proteins which regulate the expression of the genes.

In bacteria, DNA is packed without any other molecule being necessary. But in animals and plants a group of five proteins known as histones seems to be involved in keeping DNA in a manageable conformation.

Histones are thought to have a specific and vital architectural purpose, because the histones of species as unrelated as peas and cattle are virtually identical; any protein whose function is more flexible would vary considerably between species. The thread of DNA with attached histones is termed chromatin, of which chromosomes are made.

One theory of some standing is that the DNA double helix is coiled upon itself to form a superhelix, with the supercoils held in place by the histones. But that model makes the DNA unsatisfactorily rigid, and does not square with the latest evidence. A year ago the theory was advanced that the chromatin is more like a string of beads. That combination of rigid beads, made of a DNA supercoil held in place with histones, and string between beads, gives the sort of flexible, yet controllable structure that the DNA must have. It seems to fit the evidence.

Some experimenters have managed to see the spherical beads and the strings joining them, using an electron microscope. Evidence for a basic histone DNA unit has come from comparing the ratios of the different histones and the DNA. No matter what species or organ, or the state of development of the cells used, there was always a constant relationship of the amount of the various histones to one another and to DNA. The ratio is 200 units (nucleotides) of DNA to two molecules of each of four histones and one molecule of the fifth histone.

That constant ratio probably reflects the amounts of each component in a bead, since a brief exposure of chromatin to enzymes which break up DNA results in the chromatin being chopped into equal sized pieces about 200 nucleotides long. The enzyme presumably attacks the DNA in the most exposed spot, the string between the beads, leaving intact 200 nucleotide repeat lengths of DNA. The view now is that about 170 nucleotides are in the bead and 30 form the string between the beads. The various histones form the core of each bead and the DNA is wound around them.

Dr James McGhee and Dr James Engel, of Oregon University, have shown that plants have the same chromatin structure as animals. They found that plant chromatin is also chopped every 200 nucleotides by the DNA-breaking enzyme. Thus plant beads must be the same size as animal beads, and since plant chromatin has virtually the same histones as animals, the structure of the beads must be the same.

The sameness of the arrangement in such different forms of life shows that it must be beneficial; yet bacteria manage without it. Why is it necessary for plants and animals? How did it arise? such questions may be answered by looking at organisms such as yeast, which have chromatin structures different from plants or animals. Meanwhile, researchers on plants and animals must continue to study the daunting phenomenon of how DNA in such amounts is regulated and replicated.

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## Memorial services

**Hon Mrs Brett**

A memorial service for the Hon Mrs Brett (Zena Dare) was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev William Baddeley officiated. Mr Antony Brett (son) read the lesson and Mr Robert Flemyng gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs A. Cheyne (daughter), Mr and Mrs K. Thornton (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs A. Brett (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Simon Brett, Miss Vanessa Brett, Mr and Mrs Timothy Thornton, Mr and Mrs Brian Thornton, Mr Mark Cheyne and Miss Angela Cheyne (grandchildren), Ben and Kim Thornton (greatgrandchildren), Viscount and Viscountess Esher, Sir Evelyn and the Hon Lady Shuckburgh, Mrs R. Evans, The Marquess of Linlithgow, Lord Glendevon, Lord and Lady Graves, Joan Lady Renwick, the Hon Mrs Sheffield, the Hon Mrs Noreen Bull, Sir Michael Duff, Lady Leith, Lady (Carol) Reed, Lady (Malcolm) Henderson, Lady Mullens, Lady (Hallewell) Rogers, Sir William McDonald, Lady Daniell, Mr Jack Hulbert and Dame Cicely Courtneidge, Miss Joyce Carey, Mr John Perry, Miss Dorothy Dickson, Mr Murray Macdonald, Miss Phyllis Monkman, Mr Geoffrey Toon, Miss Edith Jackson, Mrs Anthony Quayle, Mrs Robert Morley, Mr Sheridan Morley, Mr Neville Ford, Mrs St John Harmsworth, Miss I. Kohler, Miss Olive Gilbert, Miss Hero de Rance, Miss Ambrosine Phillpotts, Mrs Mervyn Griffith-Jones, Miss Una Venning, Mr Roger Livesey, Miss Isabel Jeans, Mr and Mrs Andrew Hughes-Onslow, Mr Douglas Byng, Miss Dinah Sheridan, Mr John McNivala, Mr Victor Malcolm, Mr Brian Oulton, Mr John Colts Davis, Mr Kenneth Carten, Mr Peter Bennett (representing council of British Actors' Equity Association), Mr Kieran Tunney, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs G. J. Malcolm, Mr and Mrs Toby Waddington, Mrs John Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mrs Gilbert Whigham, Mr J. Brooks, Mr Shaun Allison, Captain and Mrs E. FitzClarence, Mr and Mrs K. Wagg, Mr Stanley Hall, Mr George Hamilton, Mr John Annan, Mr R. C. Brooks, Mrs Lewis Clival, Mrs A. M. Dawson (Women's Guild, St Bartholomew's Hospital), Mr R. Harbord, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Alexander Cameron, Mrs Eric Wolman, Mr Max Hamish, Captain Michael Tufnell, Mr Dudley Scholte, Mr Basil Morris, Major Timothy Tufnell, Mr James Noble (representing H. M. Tennent), Miss Cathleen Nesbitt, Mr Paul Anstee and Mr Stanley Hall.

**Dame Kathleen Courtney**

A memorial service for Dame Kathleen Courtney was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Rev Peter Rose officiated. Mr Eric Price Holmes, chairman, United Nations' Association, and Mrs R. C. Chilver, Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, read the lessons. Mr Philip Noel-Baker gave an address and the Dean of Westminster said prayers and pronounced the blessing. Among others present were:

Miss E. Furlong, Major and Mrs D. Furlong, Mr J. Furlong, Mr and Mrs T. Fletcher, Mr and Mrs P. Brice, Mr and Mrs P. Furlong, Mrs P. Henson, Mr and Mrs D. Henson, Mr P. Langdon, Mrs H. Luke, Mr and Mrs C. Wethered, Dr O. Wethered, Dr and Mrs H. Mainguy, Mrs M. Barrett, Miss A. Mainguy, Mr and Mrs Peter Hiley. Lord Caradon, General Sir Ronald Adam, Sir Michael Wright, Mr Frank Field (director, United Nations Association) with Mr J. R. Cottle (treasurer) and Mrs Cottle and Mr Norman Easton (regional officer), Mr Ivor Benyon (vice-chairman, London regional council, United Nations Association), Miss M. Lindsay (secretary, University Women's Club), Dr Grace Thornton and Miss P. M. Hobson (London Association of University Women), Mrs Alfred Rubens (Anglo-Jewish Association and Women's Advisory Council of United Nations Association), Mr John Roper, MP, and Mrs Roper, Professor and Mrs F. W. Palsh, Professor Richard Hiscocks, Mrs M. Bowie-Menzler, Mr J. C. H. Cooper (National Westminster Bank), Mr H. M. Loys-Phillips (Beale and Company), Brigadier H. O. Lewis and Mr Humphry Berkeley.

## Services tomorrow: Second Sunday after Easter

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8, M, 10.30, the Dean, TD (Stanford in B flat); HC, 11.30 (Kabena in Dorian mode), Int, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd); E, 3.15, Canon H. Wilson, Mag and ND (Nicholson in D flat), A, If we believe (Goss).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8, the Dean: M, 10.30 (Boyce in C), A, Gloria in excelsis Deo (Weelkes), Sung Eucharist, 11.40, Missa Cantuariensis (Rubbra), Int, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams); E, 3 (Stanford in A), A, My beloved spake (Hadley), Rev W. P. Baddeley; 6.30, Rev J. McCulloch.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC (said), 9, 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus (Jackson in G), A, Praise ye the Lord (Batten), Canon Derek Tasker; Choral Evening Prayer, 4, (Stanford in C), A, Sing we merrily (Campbell), Canon Peter Delaney.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL AT ST JAMES'S: HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, A, I know that my Redeemer lives (Bach), Rev E. Stratton.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY: (public welcomed): MP, 11.15, TD (Stanford in B flat), Rev Roger Job, A, Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow); HC, 12.30.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: (public welcomed): 11.15, Dr Gordon Huelin, A, I am the Resurrection (Gibbons).

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: (public invited): M, 11.30, A, Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Bach), Canon N. C. S. Motley.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15, M, 11, Ben, (Gibbons-Short), A, In exitu Israel (Wesley), Rev P. Lillingston.

TEMPLE CHURCH: Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Ley in B flat), Jub (Davies in G), A, God's tender mercy (Handel), the Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL: Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk (public welcomed): HC, 8; M, 11 Band: Grenadier Guards: Rev R. T. J. K. Wood, A, Most glorious Lord of Lyfe (Gibbs); HC, 12.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service 11: A, Beati quorum via (Stanford), Rev B. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; M, 11 (Boyce in A), A, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Rev H. R. M. Harries; E, 3.30 (Watson in E), A, In exitu Israel (Wesley), Resident Chaplain.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M, 11 (Ireland); E, 3.30 (Murrell).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev P. Duncan.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.30; HM, 11 (Schubert in B flat), Rev David Palmer; E and B, 6 (Dyson in D), the Vicar.

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 9.15, 12.10; Parish Communion, 10; M, 11, Prebendary Harold Loasby; E, 6.30, Rev Christopher Dent.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev W. M. Atkins.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Rev R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15; Family Communion, 9, Professor A. Cameron; M, 11, Mr Fenton Jones; E, 6, Lord Maitland.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: HC, 8.30, 12.5; M, 11, and E, 6.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: HC, 10; Parade Service, 11, Rev David Quance.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm, SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Messe basse (Fauré), Praise my soul (Gilbert), Father Stephen; E and B, 6.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 11 (Weelkes, short), A, O sacrum convivium (Tallis), the Rector; E, 6.30 (Blow, Dorian), A, I will not leave you (Byrd); Musical recital.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M & HC, 11, Rev Dewi Morgan, Jub (Howells's Collegium Regale), Gloria (Ireland in C); E, 6.30, Mag and ND (Gibbons, short), Sermon in music.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens: LM, 8 and 10; HM, 11 (Durrant in E flat); Rev John Vine; E and B, 6.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell: Missa quinti toni (Lasso), Mot, O let me tread (Ward); Choral Evensong, 6, A, Cantata 198 (Bach).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC 8, 12; MP, 11, Rev G. E. Taylor; E, 6.30, Rev M. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15, Eucharist, 9.15 and E, 6, Rev J. L. M. Robinson; M, 11, Rev W. P. Baddeley.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15 and 6.45; Canon D. L. Edwards, M, 11, TD (Wood in C minor), A, King Jesus hath a garden (arr Wood), Mag and ND (Byrd, 2nd); E, 6, A, Surgens Jesus (Philips).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC, 8; Family Communion, 9.45; M, 11.15, Rev Peter Rose; 6.30, Rev Ron Swan.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8, 12.30, Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev J. P. Hill; M, 11.15, Rev A. F. Davis; A, He shall feed his flock (Handel); E, 6.30, Rev A. F. Davis, A, Greater love (Ireland).

ST MARY'S, Bryanston Square: HC, 8.30 and 12; M, 11, the Rector, A, God be in my head (Walford Davies); E, 6.30, Rev R. Miller.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Rev A. Speakman, Missa a l'ombre d'ung buissonet (Brumel), Mot Exultate Justi in Domino (Viadana); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill: M, 11 (Harwood in A flat).

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.15; M, 11, A, God so loved the world (Stainer) and E, 6, Rev L. G. H. Saunders, A, Sing a song of joy (Campion).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9; SE, 11, Canon Cheslyn-Jones.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11; Bishop Goodwin Hudson; 6.30, Sir Cyril Black.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Ven George Timms, Stanston in F, Mot, Sing we merrily (Batton).

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8, M, 11, E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 8; HM, 11 (Leighton in D minor), Rev Herbert Moore; E and B, 6, Rev Keith Hobbs.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev Dr W. G. Morrice.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM, 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7; HM, 10.30: Missa sexta (Haller), Angelus Autem (Amerio); Ave verum (Byrd); V and B, 3.30.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, Missa Ut, Re, Mi, Sol, La (Palestrina), V and B, 3.30, Mot, Laudate Dominum (Charpentier).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM, 11 (Latin), St Joannis do Deo (Haydn).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Messe breve (Lefevre); Regina Caeli (Dacasse).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 (Father Peter Blake), 4.15, 6.30 and 7.30 pm; Sung Mass, 11.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev Hugh Hutchinson.

KENSINGTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregational), Allen Street: 11, Rev E. G. Miller; 6.30, Rev T. C. Micklem.

METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE (Spurgeon's) Baptist Church, Elephant and Castle: 11 and 6.30, Dr Peter Masters.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission), 11 and 6.30.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev R. J. Hall.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev T. Omri Jenkins.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11 (HC), Rev Allen Birtwhistle.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lane: 11.

# SPORT

Golf



Bobby Nichols, first-round leader in the United States Masters, watching a birdie putt go down at the 13th.

## Nicklaus forges ahead with string of birdies

From Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
Augusta, Georgia, April 11

Once again Jack Nicklaus has come the man to beat as the United States Masters golf tournament moved towards its halfway stage. With four birdies between the fifth and 12th he took a four stroke lead over the field.

The honour of holding the lead had belonged for one glorious hour to Arnold Palmer, who last won here 11 years ago, but he surrendered it soon after Nicklaus had got into his stride. Another player with a chance to get in front was Tom Weiskopf, who, in spite of starting with a five, reached the turn in 34 and looked ready to move into a commanding position. But the birdies that might have fallen to him at the long fifteenth turned into sixes.

The first of them came when he drove too far right and found the ball up against a fir cone which he dared not move for fear of moving the ball. The ball flew on in the air, hit a tree, and left him no alternative but to lay up short of the stream. At the 15th his ball got behind a pimple of ground and his one-iron finished in the water. He considered that apart from those two bad breaks he played well in conditions which were drying out well. A gentle breeze having shifted the overcast. But the pin placements were plain tough and this restrained any level of scoring.

Nor. He hit a glorious wood to three feet at the fourth, a hole which he played in two, and then a 15-foot putt snaked home at the twelfth to an ear-splitting yell announced he had climbed to the third. But a hooked drive at the eighth and a booked second showed what was true of the rest of his round, that he was much less comfortable than the day before. In fact it became a magnificent scramble which started when he saved his par at the eighth by pitching to one foot from 40 yards off. Altogether he had eight single putts.

As the sun continued to dry out the course the overnight leaders, Nicholls and Allen Miller began to fade and two other greats moved right into the picture. Trevino, subdued perhaps, but a champion still, started with four pars but reached the turn in 34. His presence among the leaders, like that of Casper, has added greatly to the tenseness of the final two rounds.

More putts finished short of rather than past the hole, with the exception of John Miller who said he did not leave a putt short all day. But he missed three times inside six feet. If his position on 5 is not hopeless—several Masters have been won with a first round of 73 or 74—that of the holder, Player, certainly is not.

Player hit 17 greens and had 34 putts, which is above average, but Nicklaus had at least as many and Palmer had 32. Palmer has looked right from the moment he set foot in Augusta. He has given up smoking once again (not one since the beginning of January) and looks at the peak of fitness though grizzled. Both he and Nicklaus are chasing their fifth Masters, though Palmer has relaxed enough to collapse with mirth when asked whether it would be fair to call him a long shot.

Weiskopf's strokes continued to dazzle, and in the damp air and wet ground conditions it is almost past belief that he could have reached the fifteenth green over the water with a four-iron second. Nicklaus was on with a one-iron, but the important thing was that he was on the green. Often in the past he has missed his birdie chances at the long holes and had to make them up with twos at the short holes.

Trevino has made something of a comeback, but it must be remembered that if he has gone out of favour he has not left the scene. He is the reigning PGA champion and has won once this year. He has now adapted his game so that he is booking his drives to suit the course.

Nicklaus also gave a reminder of the special qualities of this course when he said that well though he had played this season, when one came to Augusta one had to play a fresh range of shots. He was thinking not only of the drive but also of the shots to fast undulating greens, which we have yet to see this year.

The playing of the last nine holes by the British trio was deplorable. Spectacular they are but many think that the first nine are at least as difficult. The difficulty is that a mistake on those last nine can mean two strokes dropped, as Oosterhuis found to his cost. His 41 coming back contained an eagle and the playing of the last three holes in par. Sam Snead, his partner, said that they were "three pars as good as it is possible to get them there."

The American amateur contingent (all seven are booked for the Walker Cup match) was led by their champion, Pate, who, playing with the holder, returned 71. Burns (72), Strange (75), and Siderowf (75) were all in time to make the cut of 44 and ties.

135: J. Nicklaus (US), 68, 67.
140: A. Palmer (US), 69, 71; T. Watson (US), 70, 70; W. Casper (US), 70, 70.
141: T. Weiskopf (US), 69, 72; H. Blancas (US), 72, 69; P. Fitzsimons (US), 73, 68; L. Trevino (US), 71, 70.
142: R. Murphy (US), 70, 73; R. Curl (US), 72, 70; B. Allin (US), 73, 69.
143: D. Stockton (US), 72, 72; L. Cole (S Africa), 75, 71; L. Zeigler (US), 71, 72; L. Graham (US), 72, 72.
145: G. Marsh (Australia), 78, 70; R. Floyd (US), 72, 73; H. Green (US), 74, 71.
146: M. Ozaki (Japan), 73, 73; J. Miller (US), 75, 71; J. Pate (US), 71, 75; G. Player (S Africa), 72, 74; J. Casper (US), 77, 69.
147: F. Fazler (US), 76, 71; H. Irwin (US), 75, 72; C. Coody (US), 72, 75; R. Karl (US), 72, 75; R. Johnston (US), 73, 74.
148: H. Alocbi (S Africa), 76, 72; V. Regalado (Mexico), 76, 72; C. Beck (US), 75, 73.
149: J. Rodriguez (US), 74, 75; B. R. McLendon (US), 75, 74.
150: F. Beard (US), 76, 74; T. Dill (US), 72, 78; R. Charles (N Zealand), 76, 74; J. Colbert (US), 75, 75; A. Gerberger (US), 79, 71; E. Sneed (US), 74, 76.
151: D. Hayes (S Africa), 77, 74; G. Egan (US), 77, 74; I. Aoki (Japan), 75, 76.
152: L. Mahaffey (US), 77, 75; G. Archaer (US), 80, 72.
155: R. Crampton (Australia), 76, 79.
156: C. Sindler (US), 80, 76.
158: D. Sikes (US), 76, 82.

First round scores:
67: B. Nichols (US).
68: A. Miller (US); J. Nicklaus (US).
69: T. Weiskopf (US); J. C. Snead (US); A. Palmer (US).
70: W. Casper (US); T. Watson (US); R. Murphy (US).
71: S. Snead (US); J. Heard (US); L. Trevino (US); B. R. McLendon (US); L. Ziegler (US); J. Pate (US).
72: L. Graham (US); C. Kile (US); A. Wall (US); G. Littler (US); B. Devlin (Australia); G. Player (S Africa); C. Coody (US); D. Stockton (US); C. Burns (US); R. Crenshaw (US); R. Carl (US); R. Karl (US).
OTHER SCORES: 73: R. Cole (S Africa); M. Ozaki (Japan); L. Liang-Huan (Taiwan); 74: R. de Vicenzo (Argentina); 75: G. Marsh (Australia); I. Aoki (Japan); M. Bembridge (GB); R. Beltrechi (S Africa); R. Crampton (Australia); 77: T. Jackson (GB); D. Hayes (S Africa); 79: P. Oosterhuis (GB).

### Card of Course

| Hole | Yards | Par | Hole | Yards | Par |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 400 | 4 | 10 | 485 | 4 |
| 2 | 555 | 5 | 11 | 445 | 4 |
| 3 | 360 | 4 | 12 | 155 | 3 |
| 4 | 220 | 3 | 13 | 475 | 5 |
| 5 | 450 | 4 | 14 | 420 | 4 |
| 6 | 190 | 3 | 15 | 520 | 5 |
| 7 | 365 | 4 | 16 | 190 | 3 |
| 8 | 530 | 5 | 17 | 400 | 4 |
| 9 | 440 | 4 | 18 | 420 | 4 |
| Out | 3,510 | 36 | In | 3,510 | 36 |

## Russell shares lead

Seoul, April 11.—Arthur Russell, of the United States had a round of 69, three under par, to share the lead on 140 with the overnight leader Cho Am-Kil, of South Korea, at the halfway stage of the South Korean open golf championship here today.

Ben Arda, of the Philippines, finished the second round, two strokes behind the leaders on 142. After losing a stroke over the first two holes, Russell had five birdies.

LEADING SCORERS: (a): A. Russell (US), 71-69; Cho Am-Kil (S Korea), 68-72; 142: Ben Arda (Philippines), 69-73; 143: C. Coody (US), 72-71; Johnston (US), 73-70; S. Cabralith (US), 74-69; D. Lind (US), 71-73; Kim Dal-Joo (S Korea), 73-70; 144: T. Peters (US), 71-73; A. Dakka (US), 73-70; Cho-Tae-Woon (S Korea), 73-71; Kyo Chi-Hsiang (Taiwan), 74-70.—Reuter.

Football

## Derby have their eyes on European Cup, too

By Norman Fox

In this season of ceaseless change in the league championship, few clubs have had such an obvious chance of thrusting themselves into a positive lead than Derby County this afternoon. Not only do they hold a two-point lead, but today they are matched against West Ham United whose main interest is now the Cup Final on May 3, and then they go to Leicester before playing Carlisle United in the match that should end the speculation and leave their four leading rivals to squabble over the crumbs.

Derby's final sprint, in which they have taken 15 points from nine games, has been well timed, although the fallibility of Everton when faced with "easy" games against the relegation threatened teams, Luton Town and Carlisle, has contributed to the opportunity. Derby still feel aggrieved at being knocked out of this season's Uefa Cup by Velez Mostar and are confident they can go forward to next season's European Cup with eyes more widely opened to the threats of complacency.

Derby are also in the comfortable position of not having been involved in any of last week's cup matches and needing to protect only one of their number, Todd, for next Wednesday's international match against Cyprus. This point alone could inhibit one of their rivals, Liverpool, with Hughes, Keegan and Clemence all wanting to save themselves for Wembley.

Yesterday David Mackay, the Derby manager, attempted to take a midway course between the over-confidence that brought failure in Europe and caution that could be a sign of uncertainty. He said: "I believe we will take the title. In fact, I have always believed we would. But it is vital that we do not take it for granted just because we have broken clear with only a few games left. You only have to look back at the situation at the top this season to realize anything can happen. I think tomorrow West Ham will be full of themselves—it will be a very hard game".

Another factor in Derby's good timing has been the return of McFarland to their back line. Mr Mackay is not over-stating the value of the player by saying: "I have always believed he was the best centre half in Europe—and he looked it in his very first game back". McFarland's reappearance is today made the more significant by his link with Nish, who returns to the left side of defence after recovering from a strained groin. West Ham keep the team who beat Ipswich Town to reach Wembley.

As the home records of most leading first division clubs have been all important, it would still be unwise to dismiss the chances of Liverpool, today meeting Carlisle at Anfield with Lindsay returned to the defence, but the challenges of Everton and Stoke City are in danger of weakening. Newcastle, at home to Everton, have not won in seven league matches and drop their regular goalkeeper, McFaul, also Howard and Craig, bringing in Mahoney for his first appearance in goal, Hibbitt and Clark. They are unpredictable enough to determine the outcome of the championship.

Stoke City have one player in the England party with the ability to dictate the shape of any match. Hudson, one of the few Englishmen confident and skilful enough to slow the pace of a game when it runs away with itself, will want to be at his best against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane. If there could be a poll for the team who have given the greatest pleasure to league audiences this season, Stoke, Ipswich, Derby and West Ham would probably head the list, though I would not attempt to suggest the order of popularity.

Ipswich, incredibly unfortunate not to reach the Cup Final, find themselves in danger of finishing the season without a prize of any hue. They have a game in hand and are only three points behind Derby, but they will probably have to meet Queen's Park Rangers without Hunter in defence and Johnson in attack. The absence of these two in the Cup semi-final tie against West Ham was crucial and remains so in the last rush for the championship. Rangers still have the incentive of 1 place in next season's Uefa Cup.

The complications of relegation from the first division can become fractionally clearer if Chelsea manage to beat Manchester City at Stamford Bridge. In that event Carlisle would be demoted and as Manchester City have the worst away record in the division, Chelsea, including Hutchinson and Cooke, are better placed than their fellow Metropolitan strugglers, Tottenham Hotspur, who go to Burnley with Coates back in the team and, according to their assistant manager, Wilfred Dixon, with "a great spirit after recent results".

Manchester United are sure of the warmest reception of the day at Old Trafford, where they celebrate promotion by playing the Cup finalists, Fulham.

### Yesterday's results

THIRD DIVISION: Southend United 2, Swindon Town 0.
FOURTH DIVISION: Southport 2, Cambridge United 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dover 1, Yeovil 0; Weymouth 3, Grantham 0.
RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Halifax 10, Warrington 24; Keighley 11, Bramley 5.

Motor racing

## Ferrari lead race for lap record at Silverstone

By John Blunsden

The potential of the latest Ferrari Formula One car, the 312T, was demonstrated convincingly at Silverstone yesterday by Lauda in the first two practice periods for Sunday's International Trophy race, which is sponsored by the Daily Express. The Austrian driver, whose 12-cylinder engine is now reputed to be delivering more than 490 hp, was the fastest in both periods. His best time of the day of 1min. 17.4sec was one tenth of a second under Peterson's official lap record, although the driving conditions were not ideal.

A fine late effort by Peterson, however, closed the gap on Lauda to a fifth of a second and brought some much needed cheer to the troubled Lotus team, backed by John Player. They had suffered another setback during the first practice, when their new driver, Crawford, spun off the course at Club Corner. He badly damaged his car and has become an unlikely starter for the 40-lap, 117 mile race on Sunday.

Emerson Fittipaldi is the third quickest so far at 1min 18sec, despite a slight ignition problem with his Texaco Marlboro McLaren, and four other drivers share the fourth fastest time, half a second slower. But several of the entrants are confident that, given similar track conditions today, they will be lapping considerably faster. The elusive 140 mph Silverstone lap is by no means out of reach.

Among those likely to improve in today's final practice period is Pryce, whose UOP Shadow-Ford was going well until first clutch trouble and then the loss of fourth gear sidelined the car. Depailler has come to terms quickly with a strange circuit, and hopes to improve his time, the fourth fastest.

Watson set this time despite a problem—in his case a broken valve spring—which suggests that the recent significant improvement in the performance of the Surtees TS16 is being maintained. Last year's winner, Hunt, had his practice curtailed by a cracked water pump when he seemed likely to challenge for a front row grid position in his latest Hesketh. A worthy performance was achieved by a newcomer to Formula One, Jones, from Australia, who was only one-tenth of a second slower than Hunt in the car that Hunt drove last year.

FASTEST TIMES: 1, N. Lauda (Ferrari), 1min 17.4sec; 2, R. Peterson (John Player Lotus-Ford), 1min 17.6sec; 3, E. Fittipaldi (Texaco Marlboro McLaren-Ford), 1min 18sec; 4, J. Hoskeith-Ford; P. Depailler (Tyrrell-Ford); 6, A. Watson (Surtees-Ford); 7, C. Reutemann (Martini Brabham-Ford) and T. Pryce (UOP Shadow-Ford), 1min 18.4sec; 9, A. Jones (Hesketh-Ford), 1min 18.6sec; 10, M. Donohue (Penske-Ford), 1min 19.0sec; 11, M. Andretti (Parnelli-Ford), 1min 19.1sec; 12, J. Wicktser (Ligier-Ford), 1min 19.9sec; 13, A. Merzario (Williams-Ford), 1min 20sec; 14, J. Leonhardt (March-Ford), 1min 20.1sec; 15, V. Trimmer (Safir-Ford), 1min 21.2sec; 16, W. Fittipaldi (Copersucar-Ford), 1min 21.3sec; 17, C. Bell (Lubasky Hill-Ford), 1min 21.5sec; 18, R. Wunderlich (Ensign-Ford), 1min 21.7sec; 19, J. Crawford (John Player Lotus-Ford), 1min 22.9sec; 20, B. Evans (Stanley BRM), 1min 28.5sec.

## First European victory for Underwood

Penina, April 11.—Hal Underwood, of the United States, scored his first European victory when he won the £15,000 Portuguese Open golf championship by three strokes here today. A final round of 76 gave him an aggregate of 292.

Vicente Fernandez, aged 27, the World Cup player from Buenos Aires, took second place after a 75 for 295 and third was Simon Hobday, of Rhodesia, a former South African Open champion, one stroke further back after a 75.

Neil Coles, the British Ryder Cup player, who led at the half-way stage and started out two strokes behind Underwood, had an 80 and had to settle for fourth place on 298 alongside Jaime Benito, of Spain, the 1973 champion, who went round in 74.

Underwood won £2,250. Fernandze took £1,500, Hobday £1,050 and Coles and Benito £750 each.

With Coles's challenge fading, Underwood and Fernandez were left to fight it out and, after the American took a six at the 12th, they were level. But the little Argentine dropped a stroke at the 15th and after both had taken fives at the par-three 16th Underwood sealed victory with two finishing birdie fours.

Dennis Clark, of New Zealand, looked like making a serious challenge when he had birdies at three successive holes, but ran up an eight at the 10th and a six at the 12th.

Britain's Warren Humphreys, ninth overnight, was disqualified after he discovered he had inadvertently played a ball which was out of bounds in the first round. Liam Higgins, of Ireland, was disqualified for a similar offence in a fourth round of 76 for 306. Leading totals:

292: R. Underwood (US), 75, 72, 71, 76.
295: V. Fernandez (Argentina), 77, 74, 70, 74.
297: S. Hobday (Rhodesia), 76, 70, 75, 76.
298: J. Benito (Spain), 70, 77, 77, 74; N. Coles (GB), 73, 72, 74, 80.
299: N. Wood (GB), 81, 74, 73, 72; M. Ballesteros (Spain), 77, 73, 74, 75; S. Ballesteros (Spain), 74, 75, 75, 75.
300: E. Darcy (Ireland), 74, 73, 79, 74; P. Butler (GB), 76, 71, 78, 75.
301: D. Chillas (GB), 75, 72, 79, 75; M. Murphy (Ireland), 76, 71, 77, 77; D. Clark (New Zealand), 77, 71, 73, 80.
303: N. Job (GB), 76, 75, 75, 76; G. Hunt (GB), 76, 73, 70, 79.
305: J. O'Leary (Ireland), 77, 75, 77, 77; M. Pinero (Spain), 76, 75, 79, 80; D. Ingram (GB), 78, 74, 71, 82.
306: S. Cox (GB), 79, 76, 75, 74; D. Vaughan (GB), 74, 78, 75, 80.

Other scores (British unless stated): Gunn, 77, 77, 80, 73; B. Barnes 77, 76, 75, 80, 74, 77; J. Spence, 76, 74, 74, 73, 77; M. Mineila (Ireland), 82, 74, 73, 77; D. McClelland 77, 79, 74, 77; Cary (Ireland) 76, 80, 76, 75; Hunt 75, 78, 77, 77; C. O'Connor, sen (Ireland) 76, 81, 75, 75.—Reuter.

Tennis

## Dissent over players for Denver event

St Louis, April 10.—Rod Laver and other players on the World Championship Tennis blue group tour expressed anger tonight at the WCT's decision to allow James Connors and John Newcome to play in next week's Denver tournament.

"Connors is using us as a vehicle for publicity," said Laver, who is seeking his fifth successive blue group championship in the St Louis tournament. "I'm disappointed that the WCT allowed it to happen. They wouldn't have done it last year."

Laver is assured of one of eight places in the WCT finals and will not be affected even if Connors or Newcombe beats him early in the WCT tournament in Denver. But Raul Ramirez, of Mexico, will.

Ramirez is in third place, close behind second placed Roscoe Tanner in the blue group standings and battling for a place in the finals.

"It's not very fair on their (the WCT's) part," he said. "They shouldn't let it affect players trying to get into the finals."

Connors, who has never played in a WCT tournament, and Newcombe said they wanted to play at Denver to tune up for their challenge match on April 26 in Las Vegas.

Laver, the top seed, rallied after losing the first set last night to defeat Alex Metreveli of the Soviet Union 4—6, 6—1, 6—2 and gain a place in the quarter-final round of the St Louis tournament.

Laver lost only six points on his service in the last two sets, and only one point in the last set. The victory was his twenty-second in a row on the blue group tour.

The third seed, Ramirez, defeated Roy Emerson, of Australia, 7—5, 6—1 in a match marred by mistakes. Jaffrey Borowiak employed a strong service and short ground strokes to disturb the concentration of the Brazilian, Thomaz Koch. Borowiak won 6—4, 6—2 to reach the last eight of the fourth annual tournament.

In another second round match, Brian Gottfried, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, defeated Andrew Pattison, of Rhodesia, 7—5, 4—6, 6—2, in a match that lasted nearly two hours.—UPI.

### Top seeds qualify for semi-final

Tokyo, April 11.—The top-seeded Americans, Billie Jean King and Rosemary Casals, easily qualified for tomorrow's semi-final round in the Bridgeston women's doubles tournament here today. They beat the seventh-seeded pair, Bridget Coppers, of New Zealand, and Helen Gourlay, of Australia, 6—1, 6—1.

TOKYO: B. J. King and R. Casals (US) beat B. Coppers (NZ) and H. Gourlay (Australia), 6—1, 6—1; F. Durr (France) and R. Stove (Netherlands) beat L. Dupont and R. Tenquardien (US), 6—3, 6—3; B. V. Wade (GB) and M. Court (Australia) beat S. Stan and J. Haldman (US), 6—2, 4—6, 6—4; M. Navratilova (Czechoslovakia) and L. Hunt (Australia) beat J. Anthony and M. Schallau (US), 2—6, 6—1, 6—4.

Show jumping

## Lincoln double for Fletcher

Graham Fletcher won the open speed competition at the Lincoln spring show on his national Foxhunter champion, Hold Hard. An entry of 94 for the A and B class brought him a double. It produced eight clear rounds over Denzil Oxby's course.

John Greenwood opened the final on Double Brandy with a pole off the wooden bank in 55.5sec. Elizabeth Edgar incurred nine faults on Everest Wallaby, but Debbie Johnsey went clear in 54.9sec on the American-bred Assam to take up the running.

Then Fletcher forged ahead, clear in 50 seconds, on Easy Rider, and finally Jean Davenport pushed A sam back into third place with a clear round in 53.9sec on Bayleaf.

RESULTS: 1, G. Fletcher's Easy Rider; 2, Mrs S. Davenport's Bayleaf; 3, Miss D. Johnsey's Assam.

### Squash rackets

DRYSDALE CUP: Semi-final round: P. Keegan (Blackpool) beat J. R. Le Lievre (Elizabeth College), 3—1, 3—0, 3—1; J. Stockenbern (Sweden) beat P. H. Chubb (Westcliff High School), 3—1, 3—[illegible].

Rugby Union

## London Scottish offer Orrell second try

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Although Orrell lost to London Scottish in the semi-final round of the rugby knock-out competition last season, their style of play, and the welcome they provided, appealed so much to their visitors that they were offered a fixture in London. The thriving Lancashire club make their bow at the Athletic ground this afternoon.

The Scottish, making do without the international players Steele and Lawson, still expect to be somewhat stronger than a week ago when they lost to Saracens. McHarg is fit to resume at lock, and Crerar, who was unable to play last Saturday, will be at scrum-half.

With a club record of 32 wins under their belt, Saracens, who beat Coventry at Southgate last season, hope to bring their successful campaign to a suitable climax with victory at Coundon Road. Their stand-off half and leading points scorer, Phillips, has urgent business at the altar, and their Eastern Counties prop, Cairns, acquired a cauliflower ear against Scottish a week ago, but otherwise they will be at full strength. The replacements are Hawkins, Hertford Blues stand-off half when they unluckily lost to Gloucestershire in the county quarter final round, and McGregor, a young Jamaican who has joined Saracens from Finchley and is showing considerable promise.

Coventry, who lost the knock-out semi-final to Bedford last Saturday, have dropped G. Evans, their British Lion centre. His place goes to A. Dunning, a student at Manchester University.

Bedford, at home to Northampton at Goldington Road, will find their opponents strengthened by the return of two former British Lions, Larter and Arnell. Rosslyn Park, who meet Bedford in the knock-out final on April 26, play Harlequins at Rochampton with 14 of the side who disposed of Morpeth last week. They have put a ban on their players participating in sevens events until after the knock-out final, which means that their premier combination must miss the club's inaugural London floodlit sevens next Tuesday evening.

Richmond, without such inhibitions, are away for the famous Melrose tournament this afternoon with much the same side as won the Middlesex event last May. Three of their internationals, Janion, Shackleton and Ralston, are playing for the club at Nottingham.

John Williams and D. Duckham are but two of a formidable line-up of players to be seen on the UCS Old Boys' ground at Osterley tomorrow. A match has been arranged in memory of Fred Holl, their first team prop and social secretary, who died of leukaemia in January at the age of 28. The proceeds will go to the Leukaemia Research Fund.

The England party to leave for Australia on May 5 assemble at Lensbury this evening and will be busy training tomorrow. So, I trust, will some of those illustrious players of yesteryear assembling shortly for a "golden oldies" tour of the Caribbean next month. These include T. O'Reilly, D. Jeeps (vice-president of the RFU), K. Scotland and J. Butterfield, who has organized the expedition. It is hoped that Cliff Morgan can tear himself away from masterminding BBC radio outside broadcasts to join them.

Hockey

## Entanglements on the last stage of the season

By Sydney Friskin

With the hockey season now on the last lap of its strenuous course we are still involved in weekend fixture entanglements. The London League final at Surbiton and the under-22 divisional tournament at Norwich, the first of its kind, provide yet another clash of interest.

The team to play Southgate in the London League final tomorrow, starting at 5.0, will not be known until late this afternoon. The two aspirants for this honour are Richmond and Guildford who are to meet on the ground at the Royal Dental Hospital at Stoke D'Abernon.

Southgate had already qualified for the final in consequence of their midweek 1—0 victory over Spencer in a typically hard-fought match. Spencer missed a penalty stroke in the first half and not until three minutes before the end did Corton score Southgate's winning goal.

That was not the end of Southgate's problems. Four of their players, Aldridge, Cotton, McGinn and Whitaker, found themselves committed to the Great Britain training weekend at Bisham Abbey Sports Centre, Marlow, where the exercises include a match tomorrow afternoon. They are expected to be released in time for the match at Surbiton but they cannot be taking too kindly to the excessive demands on their physical resources.

The position would have been more complicated for Southgate had Neale, their captain, been included in the Great Britain party, although it does seem surprising that he was not, considering he had scored five goals for England in the World Cup tournament in Kuala Lumpur. He can at least be sure of relief from some of the pressures which seem to be taking the fun out of hockey, and concentrate on Southgate's attempt to win the European club championship at Frankfurt from May 16 to 19.

The Norwich Union insurance group are the hosts for the under-22 divisional tournament which, unlike the senior event (held at Derby last December), is to have a winner. An added incentive is a Player of the Tournament award to be judged, in part, by members of the Hockey Writers Club.

Six teams will play in two groups as follows: A: Combined Services, East, North, B: Midlands, South, West. The programme is as follows:

TODAY: Combined Services v East (11.0); Midlands v South (11.2); East v North (1.30); West v Midlands (3.0); Combined Services v North (3.0); South v West (3.30).
TOMORROW: Fifth place play-off (10.30); third place play-off (12.0); final (5.0).

Basketball

## TSKA suspended for two years and fined

Antwerp, April 11.—The International Amateur Basketball Federation has suspended Moscow's TSKA club from European club tournaments for two years and fined it about £1,000. The suspension and fine were imposed because TSKA withdrew from this season's men's European Cup in the quarter-final round on the ground that it was in financial trouble.

TSKA, who have won the Cup four times, were due to play in a pool which included Berck-Basket of France, Alviks Stockholm of Sweden, Transol Rotterdam of Holland, Maccabi Tell Aviv.

Cricket

## Robins decides to stay in South Africa

Derrick Robins, the Coventry City president and former chairman, is leaving Britain to live in South Africa as a "tax exile," his son Peter, the present Coventry chairman, said yesterday.

Mr Robins's decision first became known in letters to relatives, friends and business associates. He has been actively involved in private cricket sponsorship for some time and has regularly taken teams to South Africa to tour. He has been in South Africa for several months.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

### First division

Arsenal v Leeds Utd
Burnley v Tottenham H
Chelsea v Manchester C
Coventry v Birmingham
Derby v West Ham U
Ipswich v QP Rangers
Liverpool v Carlisle
Luton v Leicester
Newcastle v Everton
Sheffield U v Stoke C
Wolves v Middlesbrough

### Second division

Aston Villa v Oldham
Bristol C v Sheffield W
Cardiff v Bristol Rovers
Hull City v Blackpool
Manchester U v Fulham
Millwall v Norwich
Notts F v Southampton
Orient v Bolton
Oxford U v Sunderland
Portsmouth v Notts County
York City v West Bromwich

### Third division

Bournemouth v Blackburn
Bury v Watford (3.15)
Chesterfield v Crystal P (3.15)
Gillingham v Colchester
Halifax v Tranmere
Huddersfield v Grimsby
Peterborough v Charlton
Port Vale v Aldershot
Preston NE v Hereford
Walsall v Plymouth
Wrexham v Brighton

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Barking v Slough Town; Bromley v Wycombe Wanderers; Clapton v Oxford City; Hayes v Dagenham; Hendon v Leytonstone; Hitchin Town v Dulwich Hamlet; Ilford v Walton and Hersham; Tooting and Mitcham v Bishop's Stortford; Woking v Enfield.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Final: Leatherhead v Wimbledon (at Dulwich Hamlet FC).

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Final: Lewes v Worthing (at Brighton & Hove Albion FC).

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Aldenhamians v Old Westminsters; Old Ardinians v Old Etonians; Old Bradfieldians v Old Chelmsfordians; Old Brentwoodians v Old Haberdashers; Old Cantuarians v Old Salopians; Old Foresters v Old Gildeswellians; Old Reptonians v Old Malvernians.

### Rugby Union

Club matches

Abravon v Pontypool
Bath v Armagh
Bedford v Northampton
Broughton Pk v Birmingham
Bridgwater & A. v O. Haberdashers
Camborne v Redruth
Cardiff v Swansea
Cheltenham v London Irish
Coventry v Saracens
Durham City v Birkenhead Park
Ebbw Vale v Gloucester (3.15)
Esher v O. Whitgiftians
Glamorgan Wdrs v S. Wales Police
Halifax v Fylde
Harrogate v Sale
Headingley v Bradford
Leicester v Bristol
Llanelli v Maesteg (3.15)
London Scottish v Orrell
Metro. Police v O. Millhillians
Moseley v Roundway (3.0)
New Brighton v Manchester
Newport v Cross Keys (3.15)
Nottingham v Richmond
Nuneaton v Bradford
Otley v Northern
Penarth v Stroud
Pontypool v Weston-super-Mare
Plymouth Alb. v Rugby (3.15)
Pontypridd v Oxford
Rosslyn Park v Harlequins
Sidcup v Taunton
Somerset Police v Paignton
Torquay Ath. v Tredegar
Wasps v Blackheath
Waterloo v St. Helens
Wilmslow v Huddersfield

### Fourth division

Bradford C v Lincoln
Brentford v Doncaster
Crewe v Swansea
Darlington v Mansfield
Exeter v Newport
Hartlepool v Shrewsbury
Northampton v Rotherham
Reading v Torquay
Rochdale v Stockport
Scunthorpe v Chester (3.15)
Workington v Barnsley

### Rugby League

First division
Leeds v Castleford

### Hockey

DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT: Under-22 event (at Norwich).
LONDON LEAGUE: Semi-final round: Richmond v Guildford (at Royal Dental Hospital ground, Stoke D'Abnon, 2.30).
LAST LEAGUE: Bedford v Norwich Eagles; Bishop's Stortford v Colchester; Ipswich v Cambridge; Shire Hornets; Norwich Union v Chelmsford.
OTHER MATCHES: Blackheath v Gore Court; City of Oxford v Evesham; Cliftonville v South Sussons; Crystal Palmstead v Bromley; Harlow v Staffordshire Eagles; Maidenhead v Southgate; Reading v Chichester; St Thomas's v Wimbledon; Surbiton v Old Kingstonians; Worthing v Hawks.

### Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND SENIOR LEAGUE: Final: Sheffield University v Liverpool (at Gale Green, Stockport).
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: St Helier v Purley.

### Golf

Halford Hewitt PSOB tournament (at Royal Cinque Port, Deal).
Central England open men's foursomes (at Woodhall Spa).
Kent v Essex (at Sundridge Park).
Surrey v Berks Bucks and Oxon (at Effingham).

### Race Walking

National Post Office 15 kms championships (at York).
Brighton to Steyning 20 kms (2.30).
Belgrave Harriers 20 miles championships (at Wimbledon).
Trowbridge Traders 10½ miles (3.00).

### Rowing

Abingdon Head of the River.

### Squash Rackets

European championships (at Dublin).
Dryesdale Cup junior amateur tournament (at RAC, Pall Mall).
Wolverhampton open invitation tournament (at Wolverhampton SRC).

### Scottish first division

Clyde v Dundee Utd
Dundee v Ayr Utd
Dunfermline A v Celtic
Hibernian v Airdrie
Kilmarnock v Dumbarton
Morton v Hearts
Motherwell v Partick T
Rangers v Aberdeen
St Johnstone v Arbroath

Road Running
Cambridge and Coleridge AC open 10 miles (at Barton Road, Cambridge).

### Tomorrow

Rugby League
FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern v Halifax (3.30); Dewsbury v Salford (3.30); Featherstone Rovers v Widnes (3.30); Rochdale Hornets v Wigan; Warrington v Keighley; York v Wakefield Trinity.
SECOND DIVISION: Hull Kingston Rovers v Barrow; New Hunslet v Whitehaven (3.30).

Golf
Halford Hewitt PSOB tournament (at Royal Cinque Port, Deal).
Central England open men's foursomes (at Woodhall Spa).
Hendon v Middlesex (at Hendon).

Football
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Bradfieldians v Old Brentwoods.

### Scottish second division

Albion R v Meadowbank
Berwick v Queen of South
Clydebank v Hamilton
E Stirling v Stranraer
Forfar v Falkirk
Montrose v St Mirren
Queens Park v Brechin
Raith v Alloa
Stirling A v Cowdenbeath
Stenhousemuir v East Fife

Rugby Fives
Open singles championships (at St Paul's School, Barnes).

Athletics
Maidenhead AC open meeting (at Braywick Pl, Maidenhead, 3.30).

Rugby fives
Open singles championships (at St Paul's School, Barnes, final, 11.15).

Hockey
DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT: Under-22 event (at Norwich).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Army Rangers v Leicestershire under-25 (at Aldershot, 2.45).
LONDON LEAGUE: Final: Southgate v Richmond or Guildford (at Surbiton, 5.0).

Squash rackets
European championships (at Dublin).
Wolverhampton invitation tournament (at Wolverhampton SRC).

## Tennis

ST LOUIS: R. Laver (Australia) beat A. Metreveli (USSR), 4—6, 6—1, 6—2; R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat R. Emerson (Australia), 7—5, 6—1; B. Gottfried beat A. Pattison (Rhodesia), 7—5, 4—6, 6—2; J. Borowiak beat T. Koch (Brazil), 6—3, 6—2.
JOHANNESBURG: H. Bermann (W Germany) beat R. Dell (US), 6—3, 6—4.
BARCELONA: M. Orantes beat N. Spear (Yugoslavia), 6—3, 6—3; I. Nastase (Rumania) beat N. Holmes (US), 6—4, 6—3.

## Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 3, New York Mets 2; St Louis Cardinals 7, Montreal Expos 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Chicago Cubs 4; Cincinnati Reds 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 6; San Francisco Giants 2, San Diego Padres 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 10, Detroit Tigers 0; Oakland Athletics 8, Chicago White Sox 0; Texas Rangers 5, Minnesota Twins 4.

## Ice hockey

STANLEY CUP: play-offs: New York Rangers 8, New York Islanders 5; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Los Angeles Kings 2; Chicago Black Hawks 4, Boston Bruins 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, St Louis Blues 2.

## Billiards

MIDDLESBROUGH: English amateur championship final (after first day): N. Dagley (East Shilton) leads R. Close (Harlepool) 1,587 to 1,256.

## Television highlights

BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.35)
Ice Hockey: Czechoslovakia v Soviet Union (1.5)
Equestrian: Cross-country trials (1.30)
Racing: Ascot races at 2.0, 2.30, 3.0, 3.35
Motor Racing: Silverstone Formula 5,000 (2.35, 3.5, 4.30)
Rugby League: Leeds v Castleford (3.45)
Football: Match of the Day (10.0)

BBC 2
Snooker: Ray Reardon v Fred Davis (7.10)
Rugby Union: Melrose Sevens (7.35)

BBC 1—tomorrow
Motor Racing: International Trophy (4.25)

ITA
Football: Preview (12.35)
Ice Hockey: National League match (1.0)
Racing: Beverley races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Market Rasen races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45
Speedway: Wimbledon meeting (3.10)
Wrestling: Gravesend promotion (4.0)

ITA—tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.15)

SPORT

Racing

# Sea Break worth a trip from France

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

While the new flat racing season stutters on in this country mainly because of the bad weather which has caused the loss of the two classic trials due to take place at Ascot today, the pace is certainly hotting up in France and Ireland. Pierre Guillot, our French racing correspondent, discusses tomorrow's programme at Longchamp elsewhere, and he will be reporting from there on Sunday. I am deserting Ascot this afternoon in order to be at Phoenix Park in Ireland to watch Sea Break run in the Vauxhall Trials Stakes.

Sea Break is the colt who finished second in the Observer Gold Cup at Doncaster in October, and he is currently second favourite for the 2,000 Guineas and joint favourite with Green Dancer for the Derby. No wonder he is the focus of attention. The weather in Ireland recently has been just as wretched as it has been here. In the circumstances Sea Break is far from being wound up, but I believe he is well, and poised to get off to a good start just as a high class colt should when making a beginning against inferior rivals.

Yves Saint-Martin, who rode him when he finished second in the Observer Gold Cup, is flying from France specially for the ride and he should not be disappointed, even though the colt's trainer, Stuart Murless, has obviously left something to work on for the Guineas. Sea Break has five opponents this afternoon. The pick of them are Denizen, a dapper little colt by Habitat who won three races for Vincent O'Brien last year; Lord Ha Ha, who has already finished second this year; and an unraced Royal Palace colt named Royal Heir, who is reported to have been catching pigeons on the Curragh this spring.

The Mulcahy Stakes, a race for three-year-old fillies, also to be run at Phoenix Park today, may be won by the sponsor, John Mulcahy's filly, Swingtime, who is widely reported to be Vincent O'Brien's classic hope this season. The runners for the main races at Phoenix Park are:

VAUXHALL STAKES (abt 7f): 1, Flight Path; 2, Royal Heir; 3, Sea Break; 4, Lord Ha Ha; 5, Denizen; 6, Giggery.

MULCAHY STAKES (abt 7f): 1, Swingtime; 2, Funny Peculiar; 3, Pale Ivory; 4, Almanac; 5, Donna Cressida; 6, Shannon Princess; 7, Sugar Almond; 8, Over Beyond; 9, Betimes.

Next week things will hot up in England, assuming that the weather gives its blessing. Beginning at Newmarket on Tuesday there will be plenty of opportunities for classic colts and fillies, and with the loss of Ascot there are bound to be plenty of runners in all the classic trials, beginning with the Craven Stakes. The Totalisator Free Handicap, the Wood Ditton Stakes, the Nell Gwyn Stakes, the Fred Darling Stakes, the Greenham Stakes and the Thirsk Classic Trial all follow almost within hours of each other.

There were 18 acceptors for the Craven Stakes at yesterday's four-day forfeit stage, which only goes to underline what I have said already. They include Mark Antony, for whom Captain Marcos Lemos paid 52,000 guineas at the Newmarket December sales; Bolkonski, a good colt in Italy last summer, now trained by Henry Cecil at Newmarket; High Season, one of his stable companions; Patch, who was also trained in Italy last year but is now resident at Seven Barrows; No Alimony, his stable companion, the colt who finished third to Green Dancer and Sea Break in the Observer Gold Cup; and Libra's Rib, a full brother to those classic winners Ribocco and Ribero, who has been reported as going particularly well on the Downs above Blewbury this spring. But Libra's Rib has apparently inherited some of the characteristics of both Ribocco and Ribero which make him anything but an easy ride before he can sense to settle into his work.

Beverley stages the only flat race meeting in England today. There the William Hill John Hudson Handicap Stakes may well be won by Southwark Star, who has already won the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster this season. The going at Beverley is soft and Southwark Star will appreciate that. By all accounts the rain came in the nick of time at Doncaster, and her trainer, George Peter-Hoblyn, said afterwards that it made all the difference between victory and defeat. Southwark Star is preferred to Immortal Knight, who finished behind her in the Lincoln, but who has finished second in the meantime in the Liverpool Spring Cup, a race that was run over a slightly longer distance than today's, and Gracious Melody.

Inkuband, beaten only a neck by Baldur at Teesside Park last week, ought to be capable of winning the Hunsley Handicap Stakes. The weights for this race were published before Inkuband ran Baldur so close. Baldur finished third in the Dewhurst Stakes last autumn and it is safe to say that Inkuband will be given more weight in his future races.

Rajal, the first runner sired by the Royal Hunt Cup winner, Calpurnius, and his first winner, is my selection for the Humber Bridge Stakes. He was an easy winner at Kempton Park on Easter Monday.



Isle of Man and jockey, William Smith, who may be on a tide of royal good fortune.

The decision to change the Heinz Steeplechase, due to be run again at Ascot this afternoon, from a conditions race to a handicap, has been justified. Today's field of 12 is the same size as last year's. There is nothing quite like a winner to boost one's confidence and perhaps it is this that prompts me to think that Isle of Man is capable of carrying on the Queen Mother's good run by winning the prize. After the royal double at Ascot on Thursday, no one ought to be surprised if Isle of Man is borne on by the tide of good fortune. He was going well at Cheltenham in the Arkle Challenge Trophy, when he made an error that was to be his downfall, a mistake that was totally out of character. Isle of Man is usually a perfect jumper, in fact one of the best novice jumpers that I have seen. Lord Browndodd, who beat Floating Pound when they met at Newbury last month, is also in the lineup, as is Floating Pound, Fred Winter's hope for this race. Winter has won this race twice already, and Floating Pound will be meeting Lord Browndodd on 10lb better terms than when they last clashed. It should give him the edge, but Isle of Man is preferred all the same.

Prize money at Newmarket this year amounts to a record £410,000, mainly because of an increase in the Horserace Betting Levy Board's contribution and the continued support of sponsors. More than £34,000 will be distributed at next week's three-day Craven meeting, beginning on Tuesday, £16,000 being provided by sponsors.

STATE OF GOING (official): Beverley: Heavy (inspection today at 7.15 am). Ascot: Hurdles course, soft; steeplechase, soft. Hexham: Good to soft. Uttoxeter: Heavy. Market Rasen: Heavy. Nottingham (Monday): Soft. Plumpton (Monday): Soft. Carlisle (Monday): Hurdles, good to soft; steeplechase, good.

# Failure of Guineas prospect not alarming

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, April 11

Speedy Dakota could finish only third behind Tin Band and Blue Vermillon in the Prix Montenica at Maisons-Laffitte today, but the son of Pia Star remains a probable runner for the 2,000 Guineas on May 3. Though he was beaten a length and a half and a length and never looked likely to win, his connexions were far from disappointed. The going was extremely heavy, as it has been throughout this season, and Speedy Dakota looked rather backward. When he saw that he could not win, Lester Piggott did not call on his mount for too great an effort.

Blue Vermillon made most of the running. Tin Band began to close with him two furlongs from home but did not achieve mastery until after a sharp struggle in the closing stages. Both first and second are also engaged in the 2,000 Guineas but neither colt is likely to make the trip.

The winner is English-bred, being by Petingo out of the Sing Sing mare, Singing Girl. He was running for only the second time, having also won on his first outing in October. That victory was in the Prix Gris Perle, a mile event for unraced colts and geldings at St Cloud. He beat his nine opponents by a comfortable two lengths but there was little evidence to suggest that he was a useful colt, his four closest rivals all having been well beaten in their subsequent races.

Bred by Sir Kenneth Butt's Brook Stud, Tin Band was sold for 10,000 guineas at the Houghton Sales at Newmarket in October, 1973. The second foal of his dam, he is full brother of Mr David Robinson's useful Tingo. His dam, who was trained at Epsom by Brian Swift, won three sprints including the Minoru Handicap on Derby Day six years ago.

## Beverley inspection

All races at Beverley today, except the Skidby Stakes over a mile and a quarter, will be started by flag, and there will be an inspection at 7.15 am. The Clerk of the Course said that they had decided on the flag starts because of the heavy state of the ground.

# Allez France selected for repeat victory

From Pierre Guillot
Paris, April 11

Daniel Wildenstein, most successful owner in France for the past two years, has six horses left among the 14 acceptors for the Prix d'Harcourt at Longchamp on Sunday. Allez France will probably be accompanied to the post by two stable companions and their owner is hopeful of taking the first two places.

The Wildenstein stable is rich in fillies with such as Lianga and Paulista in reserve and they should have another important success when Broadway Dancer reappears in the Prix de la Grotte.

Allez France should not be troubled to win the Prix d'Harcourt, which was also the first success in her unbeaten sequence of five major prizes last year. The best of her stable companions are Liloy and El Rastro, though the best form of both horses has been shown over a mile. Liloy had two fine successes within eight days in the Grand Handicap and the Prix Quincey at Deauville in August. In his only subsequent race, he started a hot favourite over the straight 10 furlongs of the Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte in September but could not cope with the heavy ground and finished a disappointing fifth.

Riboquill, Moulines and On My Way should prove best of the others. The lightly raced Riboquill put up the performance of his life to run sixth behind Allez France in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, beaten nine lengths.

One of the most expensive horses to run in Europe, he cost about £90,000 as a yearling. He reappeared in the Prix Vieux Manoir over 12½ furlongs at St Cloud on March 13. Starting at odds on in a field of five he had to struggle before beating Alcimaque, who was giving him 9 lb, by a neck. Riboquill could be partnered by his owner's Beau Buck, who won the valuable Prix Juigné for unraced colts from Blue Diamond last April, but met with a training accident shortly afterwards and was unable to race again.

The Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner, Moulines, has the advantage of having raced this year when finishing a close third to Afayoon and El Rastro in the Prix Edmond Blanc, but the concession of 3 lb to Allez France should certainly prove beyond him. On My Way is a consistent horse who has already accomplished one unexpected result, beating Dahlia by a neck and a short neck in the Prix du Prince d'Orange over this course and distance in September. I expect him to be the Wildenstein team's most dangerous opponent.

Margravine, two lengths runner-up to Oak Hill in the Criterium des Pouliches, is one of three fillies owned by Nelson Bunker Hunt which have been left in the Prix de la Grotte. The others are Nobiliary and Amata. Best of the remainder should be Ivanjica and Lighted Glory, who has won over a mile this year and she and Margravine should prove the greatest dangers to Broadway Dancer.

## Fields at Longchamp tomorrow

PRIX DE LA GROTTE (Group III: 3-y-o fillies: £9,600: 1m)
1-13 Alanya (H. H. Aga Khan), F. Mathet, 9-2 .... H. Samani
10- Matuschka (Countess M. Batthyany), P. Head, 9-2 .... A. Gibert
04-31 Foire De Bezons (Count De Ganay), E. Chevalier Du Fau, 9-2 A. Lequeux
2-1 Lighted Glory (C. P. Goulandris), G. Delloye, 9-2 .... W. Pyers
4-1 Amata (N. B. Hunt), M. Zilber, 9-2 —
41102- Margravine (N. B. Hunt), M. Zilber, 9-2 —
3103- Nobiliary (N. B. Hunt), M. Zilber, 9-2 —
03100- Infra Green (Mme J. Pochna), S. Quiske, 9-2 —
1- Deauville Dove (C. E. Schmidt), F. Boutin, 9-2 .... P. Paquet
10- Ivanjica (J. Wertheimer), A. Head, 9-2 .... F. Head
121- Broadway Dancer (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 9-2 .. Y. St Martin
Forecast: 5-4 Broadway Dancer, 7-2 M. Zilber's selected, 7-1 Lighted Glory, 10-1 Alanya, Ivanjica, 14-1 Deauville Dove, Foire de Bezons, Matuschka, 20-1 others.

PRIX D'HARCOURT (Group II: £19,200: 1¼m)
00044-3 Moulines (J. Kashiyama), R. Carver, 4-9-4 .... M. Philipperon
002001- Card King (R. Hakim), E. Bartholomew, 7-9-2 —
01100- Poil De Chameau (Baronne G. De Rothschild), J. M. De Choubersky, 4-9-2 .... G. Rivases
221210- Antipode (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 4-9-2 —
11111- Allez France (D. Wildenstein), 5-9-1 .... Y. St Martin
012000- El Toro (R. Appere), J. Audon, 7-9-0 —
322010- On My Way (X. Beau), N. Pellat, 5-9-0 .... J. Dupin
110-3 Alvedas (M. Boussac), R. Poincelet, 5-9-0 —
1021-21 El Rastro (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 5-9-0 —
140110- Liloy (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 4-9-0 —
100-0 Carl (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 5-9-0 —
Beau Buck (W. R. Hawn), J. Cunnington, 4-8-12 .. J. C. Desaint
1120-1 Riboquill (W. R. Hawn), J. Cunnington, 4-8-12 .. J. C. Desaint
3120-20 Johannesburg (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 5-8-12 —
Forecast: 4-6 Allez France coupled with selected Wildenstein runners, 6-1 Beau Buck and Riboquill coupled, 8-1 On My Way, Moulines, 16-1 Poil de Chameau, 20-1 Card King, 25-1 others.

# A hundred to one chance for Oaks

Hollow Laughter's price of 100 to 1 with Hills for the Oaks was quickly snapped up by Frank Carr, the trainer, before the Houghton Maiden Plate at Beverley yesterday, and the Wolver Hollow filly, at odds on, duly cut out all the running for a three-length victory from Maria Alexandria.

Patrick Eddery, who rode the winner, brought his score for the season to nine, but described the going as "very bad". Carr said: "Hollow Laughter was bought from Pat Hogan for 9,200 guineas by Mr Robert Sangster, and I expect she will now take her chance in the Oaks. She could go next for a maiden at closing at Chester. I expect Hollow Laughter will improve a lot with this run behind her."

The race was marred by an ugly fall for Lionel Brown on Wild Derry. Brown bruised his back when his mount trod on him. Several jockeys complained about the state of the heavy ground and James Etherington, trainer of Wild Derry, said: "It is debatable whether racing should have been held here at all." Brian Connorton said: "The going is a bit treacherous. I have been very nearly down on my knees twice."

Mark Birch added: "It's a terrible ground", and Brian Rouse said: "It's a bit patchy."

The stewards were kept busy throughout the afternoon with complaints and, after the fourth race, two stipendiary stewards decided to make a further inspection of the course. They gave the "all clear" for the meeting to continue.

John Sutcliffe, jun, the Epsom trainer, rightfully called Beverley his lucky course. In the opening Beswick Handicap, The Solostan, 13 to 8 favourite, made it six winners out of seven Sutcliffe runners at the Humberside track, when gallantly holding on for a neck verdict from the fast-finishing Two Ronnies.

The Solostan, ridden by Brian Rouse, is jointly owned by the trainer and Sidney Powell, a South African businessman.

The American-bred Butterfly Boy, who always finishes last in home gallops, surprised his owner-trainer, Kenneth Payne, when making a winning first appearance at the course in the Lund Selling Plate, beating Scott Jason, a 9 to 4 on chance, by two lengths. Alan Cousins rode his third winner of the season on Butterfly Boy.

## Ascot programme

[Television (BBC 1): 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 and 3.35 races]

2.0 MAHONIA STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £827: 2m)
101 3-00132 September Rain (D) (C. Wales), Wales, 7-12-7 Mr C. Wales 7
102 3211-32 Tartan Slave (D) (J. Brazil), Brazil, 8-12-7 Mr R. Brown 7
104 2321-up Fortina's Palace (J. Williams), M. Scudamore, 12-12-5 Mr J. Williams 7
105 u10410- Grouse Call (D) (P. Baring), D. Baring, 8-12-3 Mr P. Baring 7
106 12-24p3 Biretta (T. Smith), Smith, 8-11-13 .... Mr B. Smart 7
107 f0040-4 Cirrance (Mrs Forwood), P. Forwood, 10-11-13 Mr P. Forwood 7
108 0f30-0p Clover Prince (D) (A. Wales), Wales, 9-11-13 Mr A. Wales 5
110 p Frigil Dougal (J. Myhill), Myhill, 8-11-13 Mr J. Myhill 7
113 24ff-bf Le Diable (G. Thomas), Thomas, 7-11-13 Mr A. Barrett 7
114 f00b Liscartan (D) (P. Skinner), Skinner, 9-11-13 Mr M. Skinner 7
116 pp0 Pandion (J. Rudge), Rudge, 8-11-13 .... Mr S. Bowen 7
119 3000f-f Sushim (C. Lewis), Lewis, 8-11-13 .... Mr M. Brisbourne 7
121 0p-f4u Brandy Fare (Mrs Shaw), Mrs Shaw, 6-11-6 Mr B. Parsons 7
7-4 September Rain, 5-1 Tartan Slave, 9-2 Fortina's Palace, 7-1 Biretta, 12-1 Clover Prince, 14-1 Grouse Call, Cirrance, 16-1 others.

2.30 TRILLIUM HURDLE (Handicap: £970: 2½m)
201 121p11 Bladon (CD) (R. Mills), F. Winter, 5-12-1 R. Kington 7
202 fp00f0 *Indianapolis (D) (D. Wickins), J. E. Sutcliffe, 8-11-10 —
204 214410 Raise You Again (D) (Mrs Hunter), W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-6 T. Stack
205 0-00200 Sycamore (Lady Rootes), J. Gifford, 6-11-4 .... R. Champion
206 2410p3 Grando King (CD) (E. Phillips), M. Tate, 6-11-0 A. Phillips 7
208 1-00203 Chammy (J. Shearing), I. Dudgeon, 7-10-9 .. R. Floyd 5
209 p-000 Dark Sultan (Mrs Deterding), T. Page, 7-10-9 G. Griffin
210 f25 400 Arboretum (D) (Mrs Wrench), E. Beeson, 7-10-9 J. Jenkins
213 0-30040 Elmir (M. Kingsley), S. Mellor, 8-10-7 .... J. Glover
215 00001 Leisure Bay (G. Tanner), I. Wardle, 4-10-4 .. G. Thorner
217 p00030 Tahini (D) (Miss Elliot), J. Cann, 8-10-1 S. G. Knight 7
220 00-1ppp Franwin (D) (G. Green), A. Davison, 9-10-0 .... R. Atkins
221 1-33000 Prince George (Mrs Berel), L. Kennard, 8-10-0 .... E. Wright
225 4p000 Chatterbox (Mrs Bird), M. Goswell, 4-10-0 .... R. Rowell
3-1 Bladon, 7-2 Dark Sultan, 6-1 Chammy, 8-1 Sycamore, 10-1 Raise You Again, Grando King, 12-1 Elmir, 14-1 Leisure Bay, Tahini, 16-1 others.

3.00 HEINZ STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Handicap: £3,470: 2½m)
302 0-1112f Isle of Man (CD) (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 8-11-9 W. Smith
304 031211 Lord Browndodd (D) (J. Brazil), P. Cundell, 7-11-0 J. Francome
305 2-4111f Uncle Bing (Mrs Mildmay-White), G. Doidge, 6-11-4 N. Wakley
306 212001 Brown Admiral (D) (H. Zeisel), F. Rimell, 6-11-4 J. Burke
308 10102f Prolan (M. Cuddy), E. O'Grady, 6-10-13 .... M. Morris
309 112111 The Gent (Mrs Cheesbrough), W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-10 T. Stack
310 00u101 Garrymust (D) (J. Benson), Mrs Oughton, 10-10-8 Mr J. Mead 7
311 013312 Floating Pound (Mrs Boucher), F. Winter, 6-10-6 R. Pitman
312 222110 Crofter (R. Francis), J. Gifford, 5-10-6 .... R. Champion
313 123213 Flying Orchid (D) (G. Luck), J. Gifford, 6-10-2 C. Gifford
314 041140 I'm Smart (Lady Chesterton), S. Mellor, 8-10-1 .. J. Glover
318 p2pr-00 Jonsbid (J. Hurley), Hurley, 8-10-0 .... Mr J. Hayes 7
100-30 Lord Browndodd, 9-2 Floating Pound, 5-1 Isle of Man, 11-2 Uncle Bing, 8-1 The Gent, 10-1 Prolan, 12-1 Crofter, 14-1 Brown Admiral, Flying Orchid, 20-1 others.

3.35 KESTREL HURDLE (£861: 2m)
401 2f4b11 Birds Nest (D) (I. Scott), R. Turnell, 5-12-1 .... A. Turnell
402 233033 Zellaman (D) (C. Pilkington), F. Walwyn, 6-11-13 W. Smith
403 211120 Mrs Parsons (D) (C. Cleary), F. Rimell, 4-11-5 J. Burke
404 00-p Kirk Sell (Mrs Roberts), M. Goswell, 6-11-3 .... R. Rowell
406 Merry I vid (P. Forwood), Forwood, 5-11-3 C. Goldsworthy
407 0 Perversity (Mrs Bennett), R. Turnell, 5-11-3 N. Mitchell 7
408 1203 Sunny Stroll (D) (A. Walking), F. Winter, 5-11-3 R. Pitman
409 101 Lucky Libra (D) (Mrs Kalmanson), J. Welch, 4-10-10 D. Coomer 7
Evens Birds Nest, 7-2 Mrs Parsons, 6-1 Zellaman, 8-1 Sunny Stroll, 14-1 Perversity, 20-1 Lucky Libra, 50-1 others.

4.05 PEREGRINE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £889: 3m)
501 043224 Cronos (Duke of Alburquerque), F. Winter, 7-11-3 J. Francome
502 333f3f Fashion Man (Mrs Skinner), F. Skinner, 7-11-3 Mr M. Skinner 7
504 232p00 Indian Red (M. Marsh), Marsh, 10-11-3 .... T. Hillian 7
506 p40fp0 Littletown Boy (R. Bliss), S. Mellor, 12-11-3 Mr C. R. Bliss 7
511 04-0300 Somers of Wolston (J. Edwards), H. O'Neill, 9-11-3 C. O'Neill 7
512 fp0200 The Songwriter (P. Callander), J. Gibson, 6-11-3 M. Gibson
514 2 Village Slave (R. Brown), F. Rimell, 7-11-3 .... J. Burke
516 03-0f4p *Wishing Morn (L. Pittman, jun), I. Wardle, 6-11-3 .. —
8-11 Village Slave, 4-1 Cronos, 15-2 Fashion Man, 8-1 Indian Red, 12-1 Somers of Wolston, 20-1 others.

4.40 ROYAL FERN STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Handicap: £961: 3m)
603 00b130 Eagle Feather (D. Stokes), J. Cann, 6-11-5 J. Williams
604 131023 Brown Jock (D) (Mrs Lawe), R. Armytage, 7-11-4 Mr S. Parkyn 3
606 01410f Fad (Sir E. McAlpine), F. Cundell, 9-11-3 .... B. R. Davies
607 40p31p Saint Ali (D) (L. Beakes), A. Davison, 11-11-2 R. Atkins
608 22210p Moon Trip (D) (A. Connell), Connell, 7-10-12 J. Francome
609 022f34 Mr Shut Eye (A. Jessopp), Mrs Finch, 8-10-12 Mr J. Mead 3
613 32pf11 Levelled Out (Mrs Gaze), Mrs Gaze, 7-10-6 .... R. Hyett
614 ff03p1 Flyervale (M. Armytage), R. Armytage, 7-10-4 .. J. Glover
621 00p00 *Andromeda II (F. Bermingham), J. Bosley, 7-10-0 —
11-3 Levelled Out, 7-2 Flyervale, 9-2 Mr Shut Eye, 6-1 Brown Jock, 7-1 Fad, 8-1 Eagle Feather, 13-1 Saint Ali, 14-1 others.

5.15 HOSTA HURDLE (Handicap: £720: 2m)
1 000-0 Cala Mesquida (D) (F. Ponlin), J. E. Sutcliffe, 11-11-13 S. Wiggin 7
6 1-01030 Two for Joy (D) (F. Mumford-Smith), P. Rohan, 5-11-3 M. Stephens 4
9 000410 Harsh Note (D) (A. Greig), I. Wardle, 9-11-0 D. Barker 7
10 333411 Quickapenny (D) (E. Courage), Courage, 5-10-11 J. Barlow 4
11 000321 El Cardo (D) (T. Whitley), Mrs Kennard, 5-10-11 P. Richards
12 301140 Veyatie (D) (Mrs Vestey), F. Winter, 6-10-10 .. James Guest 7
16 2-10d12 Randy Brandy (G. Wilkinson), J. Cann, 5-10-7 S. G. Knight
18 404300 Four New Pence (Mrs Poskin), C. Bewicke, 7-10-7 A. Phillips
19 002p20 Composite (D) (G. Rumpley), F. Cundell, 7-10-7 P. Sweet 4
22 p240r-0 Prosen (J. O'Donoghue), O'Donoghue, 6-10-7 .. P. Butler 3
23 210000 Hardistyck (D) (F. King), F. King, 6-10-7 .... M. Floyd 4
5-2 El Cardo, 100-30 Quickapenny, 9-2 Veyatie, Randy Brandy, 8-1 Two for Joy, 12-1 Harsh Note, 14-1 Four New Pence, 16-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

## Ascot selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Tartan Slave. 2.30 Grando King. 3.0 Isle of Man. 3.35 BIRDS NEST is specially recommended. 4.5 Village Slave. 4.40 Levelled Out. 5.15 *Randy Brandy.*

## Beverley programme

[Television: (IBA): 1.30, 2.0 and 3.0 races]

1.30 HUNSLEY STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o: £778: 1¼m)
1 040-2 Inkuband (K. Bandisch), B. Hills, 9-0 .... W. Carson 1
2 02203-0 Quartic Melody (H. Vickery), T. Gosling, 8-11 .. A. Murray 5
3 0010-1 Saintly Purchase (Mrs Sutton), T. Darling, 8-9 .. G. Duffield 3
4 -00- Camarina (Sir L. Musker), W. Elsey, 8-8 .. S. Salmon 5
5 010- Nutshell (C) (Sir K. Parkinson), M. W. Easterby, 8-7 E. Hide 4
6 0010-0 Mr Wicker (M. Micklethwaite), J. Hardy, 7-10 .. C. Moss 2
4-5 Inkuband, 7-2 Saintly Purchase, 8-1 Camarina, 10-1 Quartic Melody, Nutshell, 16-1 Mr Wicker.

2.0 HUMBER BRIDGE STAKES (2-y-o: £984: 5f)
4 1 Rajal (D) (R. Roberts), I. Balding, 9-1 .... J. Matthias 5 7
5 Assurance (G. Balding), Balding, 8-11 .... W. Nicholson 7 5
10 Gemina (R. Spencer), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 .... M. Birch 8
13 My Wellie (W. C. Watts), Watts, 8-11 .... G. Oldroyd 6
18 Tyrus (J. Umpleby), K. Payne, 8-11 .... T. Lappin 4
19 u What A Find (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-11 .... C. Moss 1
23 2 Long Drop (D. Beresford), T. Fairhurst, 8-8 E. Johnson 2
25 0 Weigh-In First (A. Maiden), S. Nesbitt, 8-8 .... W. Carson 3
9-4 Rajal, 11-4 Long Drop, 4-1 My Wellie, 6-1 Gemina, 8-1 Weigh-In First, 10-1 Tyrus, 16-1 others.

2.30 JOHN HUDSON HANDICAP (£1,179: 1m)
1 3212-01 Gracious Melody (D) (Mrs Park), Denys Smith, 5-9-3 P. Kelleher 1
3 00130-1 Southwark Star (D) (T. Hammond), G. Peter-Hoblyn, 4-9-5 A. Murray 5
5 0031-02 Immortal Knight (D) (Mrs Westbrook), M. H. Easterby, 5-9-3 M. Birch 3
6 200000- Lottogift (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 4-9-2 .. W. Carson 4
7 10101-4 Cashing Lady (D) (Mr Sutton), G. Balding, 4-9-0 J. Matthias 5 2
8 30-3042 Grey Pegasus (CD) (Mrs Pugh), R. Hollinshead, 5-8-12 T. Ives 6
13-8 Southwark Star, 5-1 Immortal Knight, 4-1 Gracious Melody, 7-1 Cashing Lady, 8-1 Grey Pegasus, 12-1 Lottogift.

3.0 SKIDBY STAKES (£489: 1¼m)
2 42400-0 Bright Car (H. Barber), D. Chapman, 4-9-6 .... M. Bray 7 10
5 The Stuartstan (S. Powell), J. Sutcliffe jun, 6-9-6 .. — 7
6 04340-0 Tragacanth (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 5-9-6 .... A. Cousins 4
8 05443- High Density (Mrs Merrington), G. Balding, 4-9-3 J. Matthias 5 2
11 Spergula (S. Vanian), R. Boss, 4-9-3 .... A. Murray 9
13 400- Doonside (E. Luckin), K. Whitehead, 3-8-0 .. J. Skilling 1
14 00- Gyrate (M. Wyatt), M. Prescott, 3-8-0 .. G. Duffield 3
17 0000- Alack (S. Joel), M. H. Easterby, 3-7-11 .... B. Loe 6
18 0- Cap A Pie (Mrs Dowe), W. Elsey, 3-7-11 .... S. Salmon 5 5
19 09- Caravan Centre (W. Stoker), W. Gray, 3-7-11 .. E. Apter 11
20 00- Carol's Choice (J. Craig), F. Carr, 3-7-11 .. L. C. Parkes 12
23 00434- Seastreak (J. Hanson), Hanson, 3-7-11 .... W. Bentley 8
11-4 High Density, 3-1 The Stuartstan, 4-1 Gyrate, 6-1 Cap A Pie, 7-1 Seastreak, 10-1 Doonside, 12-1 Tragacanth, 20-1 others.

3.30 ROWLEY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £355: 5f)
2 00400- Safari Sovereign (Miss Dawson), Easterby, 9-5 .... E. Hide 10
4 0300- Gold Yarn (S. Marchant), P. Rohan, 9-0 .... — 3
5 003100- Gold Ring (D) (R. Johnson), P. Rohan, 8-12 J. Seagrave 11
6 400303- Tunstall Jane (W. Evison), W. Gray, 8-11 .. P. Robinson 7 5
8 10030-0 Witches Broom (D) (J. Gibbs), J. Hardy, 8-10 .. C. Moss 12
9 30022- Some Fella (D. Chapman), Chapman, 8-5 .... M. Bray 7 1
10 10000-0 Royal Darwin (Mrs Wood), A. Balding, 8-4 .... J. Balding 2
11 0140- Woodside Star (CD) (G. Pike), J. Hunt, 8-2 .. D. Letherby 6
13 40000-0 White Emperor (P. Taylor), R. Hollinshead, 8-3 K. Lewis 5 8
14 221000- Just A Touch (D) (K. Hamon), D. Williams, 8-0 K. Leason 9
15 00000-0 Sky Pie (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 7-12 .... — 7
16 000000- Neon Blaze (Mrs Moody), A. Dalton, 7-12 .. G. Duffield 4
17 00000-0 Nadine's Choice (L. Jayes), D. Doyle, 7-11 .. S. Salmon 5 13
19 000000- Scarlet Tears (W. Robson), A. Smith, 7-9 .... E. Apter 15
21 004000- Dolk Lass (V. Salkeld), H. Blackshaw, 7-0 .... S. Webster 5 14
4-1 Gold Ring, 5-1 Witches Broom, 6-1 Woodside Star, Tunstall Jane, 7-1 Safari Sovereign, 8-1 Some Fella, 10-1 Just A Touch, Neon Blaze, 12-1 Dolk Lass, 20-1 others.

4.0 RISBY STAKES (3-y-o: £497: 5f)
1 000-0 Ainsley Boy (L. Wiltshire), V. Mitchell, 9-0 .. M. L. Thomas 16
5 003- *Golden Gayle (P. Rohan), Rohan, 9-0 .... J. Seagrave 15
7 4320-02 Hard Held (J. Wilson), W. Gray, 9-0 .... E. Apter 13
8 00-3 Iron Grill (J. Gibbs), J. Hardy, 9-0 .... C. Moss 9
9 0- Mask Minder (D. Buchanan), K. Whitehead, 9-0 .. J. Skilling 6
13 030- Red Colarado (Mrs O'Shea), A. Balding, 9-0 .. J. Balding 12
14 400020- Rubydar (A. Snipe), M. H. Easterby, 9-0 .... M. Birch 3
16 032440- Solo Violin (H. Zeisel), H. Cecil, 9-0 .... F. Durr 14
17 004-00 Song of Solomon (H. Hambley), R. Hollinshead, 9-0 T. Ives 4
19 4233-3 True Compensation (B. Brown), E. Collingwood, 9-0 B. Connorton 1
21 00- Early Summer (Lady Sefton), Doug Smith, 8-11 T. McKeown 8
22 00- Galley Girl (J. Darby), C. Balding, 8-11 .... J. Matthias 5 7
23 3- Just Amy (Mrs Brotherton), L. Shedden, 8-11 .. A. Bray 7 2
25 330- Lady At Leisure (Ld Petersham), F. Carr, 8-11 L. C. Parkes 6
26 0000-00 Miss Belvedere (J. Mawson), S. Nesbitt, 8-11 W. Carson 10
27 Our Song (Mrs Hicks), M. Prescott, 8-11 .... G. Duffield 11
5-1 Solo Violin, 4-1 True Compensation, 6-1 Hard Held, Iron Grill, 8-1 Just Amy, 10-1 Lady At Leisure, 12-1 Our Song, Early Summer, 20-1 others.

4.30 HUMBERSIDE HANDICAP (£393: 7f)
3 0000-00 Sunny Jim (Mrs Payne), K. Payne, 4-9-6 .... A. Cousins 1
5 11003-3 Aure-U-Lupi (D) (Mrs Perratt), W. Gray, 6-9-1 .. E. Apter 7
7 001300- Huddox Hill (D) (A. Mann), G. Balding, 5-8-6 W. Nicholson 7 3
9 04420-4 Karabita (Mrs Gold), K. Payne, 3-8-9 .... T. Lappin 4
10 000000- Coleus (R. Keel), J. Hardy, 5-7-11 .... C. Moss 5
13 440000- Royal Sally (A. Maiden), D. Plant, 5-7-7 .... J. Lowe 2
15 0001- Rust Borough (D) (W. Brown), D. Doyle, 5-7-7 S. Webster 5 6
10-11 Aure-U-Lupi, 4-1 Huddox Hill, 6-1 Rust Borough, 8-1 Karabita, 12-1 Coleus, 16-1 Sunny Jim.

## Beverley selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Inkuband. 2.0 Rajal. 2.30 Southwark Star. 3.0 Doonside. 3.30 Gold Ring. 4.0 Solo Violin. 4.30 Aure-U-Lupi.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Saintly Purchase. 4.0 Solo Violin.

## Uttoxeter selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.30 Southern Lad. 3.0 Super Alloy. 3.30 Wild Fox. 4.0 True Luck. 4.30 Another Muddle. 5.0 Abercrombie.

## Uttoxeter programme

2.30 TOM BECKETT TROPHY (£680: 2m 4f)
1 011241 The Benign Bishop (D. Oliver), K. Oliver, 8-12-7 Mr S. Oliver 3
2 341201 Southern Lad (CD) (H. Leader), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-13 Mr D. Greaves
3 422411 State Visitor (F. Baldrey), M. Oliver, 12-11-0 Mr J. Weston 7
4 030110 Tuscan Prince (Sir J. Thomson), R. Armytage, 11-10-13 Lord Oaksey
7 322133 Spariot (C) (T. Jenks), W. Clay, 7-10-7 .... Mr W. Jenks 7
10 0f0004 Hard Cash (J. Caddick), B. Cambidge, 6-10-7 Mr C. Jackson 5
11 0p302 Flying Imp (N. Hall), J. Spearing, 9-10-7 Mr G. Jones 5
12 022442 Lavender Trousers (M. Toulson), Toulson, 9-10-7 Mr A. J. Wilson
15 4000- Regal Slave (D. Dicey), Dicey, 6-10-7 .. Mr N. Henderson 5
18 ppp Mick's Worry (R. Cooper), M. Tate, 9-10-7 .... —
7-4 The Benign Bishop, 5-2 Southern Lad, 9-2 Tuscan Prince, 6-1 State Visitor, 8-1 Lavender Trousers, 10-1 Spariot, 12-1 Flying Imp, 14-1 others.

3.0 ELKES CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £680: 2m 4f)
1 00-2000 Swirl (H. Dale), P. Bevan, 6-11-8 .... R. Weaver
2 Lone Wolf (J. Turner), Turner, 11-10-11 .... R. Crank
7 10000-1 Super Alloy (Mrs J. Cantrell), G. Kindersley, 8-10-7 H. Barry 7
8 f032b2 Coole Abbey (A. Bray), A. Jarvis, 6-10-6 .... P. Blacker
9 001300 Stepson (Ld Ronaldshay), S. Mellor, 5-10-6 .. D. Speck 7
11 000122 Don Sebastian (G. Kearn), J. Gilbert, 6-10-4 C. Dexter 7
13 3-430p0 Boleto (T. Jenks), W. Clay, 6-10-1 .... R. F. Davies
14 4304f4 Greek Warrior (D. Spearing), J. Spearing, 11-10-1 .. J. Suthern
16 403230 Dolben Lass (P. Day), J. Harris, 6-10-1 .... —
17 403400 Chanter Mark (D. Darling), H. Nicholson, 8-10-0 Mr D. Darling 7
18 00 Hatherop (C) (R. Lunt), M. Tate, 8-10-0 .... H. J. Evans 5
19 2000fp Hanzon (D. O'Donnell), F. Rimell, 5-10-0 .... K. B. White
9-4 Don Sebastian, 3-1 Hanzon, 9-2 Super Alloy, 6-1 Swirl, 8-1 Stepson, 10-1 Coole Abbey, 12-1 Greek Warrior, 16-1 others.

3.30 INGESTRE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 2m)
2 311233 Wild Fox (H. J. Joel), R. Turnell, 8-11-9 .... S. C. Knight 5
6 113020 The Clerk (D) (Mrs P. Amey), D. Gandolfo, 10-11-0 G. Shoemark
10 0f4421 Takasaki (Mrs P. Sherwood), P. Cundell, 7-10-7 .. G. McNally
14 300211 Stand Clear (W. Scorer), T. Corrie, 10-10-0 .... P. Russell
11-10 Wild Fox, 9-4 Takasaki, 9-2 Stand Clear, 8-1 The Clerk.

4.0 WHITE HART HURDLE (£680: 2m)
1 1f1000 Malford Grove (C) (J. Parker), A. Birch, 7-12-3 M. Wagner
5 fp00f0 Indianapolis (D. Wickins), J. E. Sutcliffe, 8-11-3 .... J. King
6 014400 Starcide (CD) (Mrs L. Clay), W. Clay, 6-11-3 R. F. Davies
7 p0p Toreador (R. Murphy), Murphy, 6-11-3 .... —
8 2300-00 True Luck (CD) (Mrs C. Poole), F. Rimell, 8-11-3 K. B. White
9 103-p00 Coffimvaba (G. Lloyd), A. Jarvis, 5-11-2 .... P. Blacker
6-4 Indianapolis, 7-1 True Luck, 11-2 Malford Grove, 15-2 Starcide, 10-1 Coffimvaba, 20-1 Toreador.

4.30 HAWTHORN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 3m 3f)
1 p1p-prr Rip's Lyric (C) (W. Whiston), Whiston, 10-12-0 D. Cartwright
3 210fff Bentley Boy (C) (H. Gibbon), D. Nicholson, 10-11-12 J. Suthern
4 141p21 Clarification (Ld Dulverton), R. Armytage, 8-11-11 Lord Oaksey
5 p21 Bountiful Charles (J. Tindall), S. Cunard, 9-11-11 A. Meaney
10 p13123 *Nonsuch Hill (Mrs J. Bloom), J. Bloom, 10-10-7 .. A. Webber
12 4f-0312 Master Upham (R. Brinkworth), D. Gandolfo, 7-10-4 G. Shoemark
15 021110 Another Muddle (Mrs M. Richards), S. Mellor, 6-10-4 D. Speck 7
2-1 Another Muddle, 3-1 Bountiful Charles, 7-2 Clarification, 5-1 Master Upham, 8-1 Bentley Boy, 12-1 Rip's Lyric.

5.0 FEILDEN STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £680: 2m 4f)
1 210-121 Menaphon (C) (A. Twine), Twine, 13-12-9 Mr C. Saunders
2 011-1ff Copper Venture (C) (T. Dudley), J. Edwards, 8-12-5 Mr G. Jones 5
4 11-2 Abercrombie (C. Collins), W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-0 Mr C. Collins
8 0-2203f Creme Brule (C) (J. Townsend), Townsend, 11-12-0 Mr T. Holland-Martin 5
10 41-f Gun Fight (C) (N. Brookes), Brookes, 7-12-0 Mr N. Brookes 7
11 0f Kilpatrick (C) (Miss A. Davison), Davison, 11-12-0 Mr R. Mossir 7
12 f Landandair (Mrs W. Harrison), D. Nicholson, 7-12-0 Mr A. J. Wilson
16 f42424 Ryall's Pilgrim (Miss E. Hill), Hill, 8-12-0 Mr J. Docker 5
17 f400p-p Short Odds (J. Carden), G. Owen, 8-12-0 Mr J. Carden 7
18 Silver Gin (C. McDonagh), McDonagh, 7-12-0 Mr G. Hyatt 5
20 0p-3f Wild Echo (C) (Mrs J. Greenhalgh), F. Rimell, 9-12-0 Lord Oaksey
5-2 Abercrombie, 4-1 Menaphon, 6-1 Creme Brule, Ryall's Pilgrim, 8-1 Wild Echo, 10-1 Gun Fight, 12-1 others.

## Market Rasen programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 WILLIAM HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £648: 2½m)
1 030113 Levantine (CD) (D. Horswell), D. Morley, 6-11-7 .. J. Haine
2 p-000 *Dark Sultan (Mrs Deterding), T. Page, 7-11-2 —
5 12101 Mister Fantasy (Miss Thomas), J. Gifford, 6-10-11 Mr G. Sloan
6 010221 The Bay Turk (C) (T. Bayley), S. Palmer, 6-10-10 J. Marshall 5
8 121-000 Spanish Lacquer (D) (J. Craig), F. Carr, 5-10-8 M. Blackshaw
13 003fp-0 Craigavon (R. Stewart), S. Cole, 9-10-1 .... V. Soane
18 02-0300 Pavardi (B. Sayles), Sayles, 5-10-0 .... B. Sayles 7
21 222112 Lok Yee (D) (A. Ware), Rex Carter, 6-10-0 .... D. Briscoe
22 440000 Caesarean (D. Scott), A. Jarvis, 8-10-0 .... S. A. Taylor
24 014000 Small Customer (V. Thompson), Thompson, 9-10-0 J. Beaton 5
25 000 Indian Ruby (R. Kernohan), D. Quartermaine, 10-10-0 R. Mangan 7
26 113000 Nap-Fair (J. Thorpe), Thorpe, 11-10-0 .... Mr R. Bennett 7
2-1 Levantine, 7-2 The Bay Turk, 9-2 Spanish Lacquer, 5-1 Mister Fantasy, 6-1 Lok Yee, 12-1 Pavardi, 16-1 others.

2.15 "COX, MOORE" HANDICAP (Steeplechase: £966: 3m)
3 u3p200 Blonde Viking (CD) (A. Watson), Watson, 10-10-9 G. Graham 7
5 2-00001 Irish Special (D) (W/Cmdr J. Hood), S. Palmer, 10-10-5 J. Marshall 5
7 0fp300 Satanta (D) (C. Bennion), Bennion, 8-10-4 Mr W. Bennion 7
10 121f-11 Carpette (CD) (F. Farn), J. Hardy, 6-10-4 .... S. Holland
13 00-4f2 Zarawyn (A. Moore), A. Jarvis, 6-10-0 .... S. A. Taylor
14 p2423u Saison (C) (G. Pykett), S. Cole, 9-10-0 .... V. Soane
5-2 Blonde Viking, 4-1 Carpette, 9-2 Irish Special, 5-1 Zarawyn, 13-2 Satanta, 10-1 Saison.

2.45 HALMSHAW STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £575: 3m)
4 1134-20 Home Cured (CD) (J. Emerson), Emerson, 8-12-7 Mr A. Berry 7
9 0p-ff31 Swissair (D) (P. Greenall), Mrs Greenall, 9-12-7 Mr P. Greenall 3
11 1-p1240 Triple Pledge (D. Cornish), V. Thompson, 7-12-7 Mr G. Sloan
13 f1-30b Whitsun Joe (CD) (Mrs Ellwood), Mrs Ellwood, 9-12-7 Mr A. Cowan 7
15 0300f0- Highlands Imp (J. Bowman), Bowman, 9-12-0 Mr M. Bennett 7
16 Tor Flash (W. Hewitt), R. C. Ward, 7-12-0 .... Mr R. Simms 7
18 4 Flametra (R. Bennett), Bennett, 7-11-9 .... Mr R. Bennett 7
21 000020- Moment's Folly (J. Hall), Hall, 8-11-9 .... Mr J. Hall 7
24 4- Sellaway (J. Sutton), Sutton, 10-11-9 .... Mr C. Sutton 7
3-1 Swissair, 4-1 Home Cured, 5-1 Whitsun Joe, 13-2 Triple Pledge, 8-1 Highlands Imp, 10-1 Tor Flash, 12-1 Flametra, Sellaway, 14-1 Moment's Folly.

3.15 TRUSTHORPE HURDLE (£690: 2m)
2 201033 Jane Again (D) (Mrs Jarvis), A. Jarvis, 5-12-0 .. S. A. Taylor
3 0-00321 Gypsy Queen (D) (C. Smedley), J. Twibell, 5-11-7 .. R. Lee 7
5 00 Jones Bounty (I. Southorn), J. Hardy, 5-11-7 .... S. Holland
6 004404 Sherry Bird (Mrs Bird), C. Whitehead, 5-11-7 .. R. Canning 7
9 01004 Silver Festival (G. Sloan), J. Gifford, 5-11-7 .. Mr G. Sloan
10 0104 Spanish Tango (A. Tomkins), P. Allingham, 4-11-7 Mr M. Brown 7
13 400023 Barclay's Own (T. Tedley), B. Richmond, 4-11-0 .. D. Ricketts 7
16 40043 Hardinge Arms (P. Waring), S. Palmer, 4-11-0 .. J. Marshall 5
20 11300 Ring Morley (W. Payling), P. Felgate, 4-11-0 .. I. Watkinson
23 000300 Sister Pat (P. Ryan), C. Magner, 4-11-0 .. Mr R. Simms 7
7-2 Jane Again, 4-1 Hardinge Arms, 11-2 Gypsy Queen, 6-1 Sherry Bird, 8-1 Spanish Tango, Barclay's Own, 9-1 Jones Bounty, 10-1 Silver Festival, 14-1 others.

3.45 OVREVOLL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Novices: Hurdle: £340: 2m)
1 011f Ebornezersdouble (CD) (J. Ryan), F. Carr, 6-12-12 M. Blackshaw
6 0-00120 Lovejoy (D) (C. Rykens), Thomson Jones, 5-12-0 I. Watkinson
7 2-1320p Misty Dream (D) (C. Line), G. Wallace, 5-12-0 .. A. Mason 7
8 402412 Poor Boy (D) (J. Weller-Poley), D. Morley, 6-12-0 J. Haine
9 0012 Puritan (D) (B. Lovatt), A. Bacon, 5-12-0 .... G. Shaw 3
11 02-00 Ballylough VI (P. Greenall), Mrs Greenall, 7-11-12 Mr P. Greenall 3
13 0000 Caballito (J. Bowman), Bowman, 6-11-7 .. Mr M. Bennett 7
14 Catandale (B. Rowland), F. Dever, 6-11-12 .... J. Beaton 5
17 000004 Cromwell (Miss Thomas), J. Gifford, 6-11-12 .. Mr G. Sloan
18 0 Hamadan (G. Pykett), S. Cole, 6-11-12 .... V. Soane
20 004030 McCall (G. Tufts), Rex Carter, 6-11-12 .... D. Briscoe
26 00-p00 Airo-Slim (Mrs Arnold), C. Jones, 5-11-7 .... S. Holland
27 fff030 Charlie Tip (W. Hardy), Hardy, 5-11-7 .... —
28 00030-f Fair View (K. Read), J. Bloom, 5-11-7 .... Mr M. Bloom
33 p00 Standard Bearer (A. Arnold), C. Jones, 5-11-7 .. A. Markham
2-1 Poor Boy, 3-1 Ebornezersdouble, 5-1 Lovejoy, 6-1 Cromwell, 7-1 Puritan, 8-1 Hamadan, 10-1 Misty Dream, 16-1 others.

4.15 PETER BONTOFT STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2m)
5 4f-b23 Bhitsah (Mrs Morley), D. Morley, 6-11-12 .... P. O'Brien 7
8 Express (G. Holland), J. Twibell, 9-11-12 .... R. Lee 7
11 30uu03 Master Bivouac (Miss Hill-Wood), S. Palmer, 6-11-12 J. Marshall 5
12 000401 Mr Pippins (CD) (D. Brereton), M. James, 8-11-12 Mr R. Carter 7
16 03-pf Cleveland Bridge (E. Brown), S. Palmer, 6-11-5 .. S. Holland
19 0f0-pp0 Eglwys Cross (N. Greenhalgh), V. Thompson, 8-11-5 J. Beaton 5
21 -r13 Maykeeper (Miss Mills), A. Jarvis, 9-11-5 .... S. A. Taylor
23 032300- Mural Crown (Mrs Taylor), Thomson Jones, 6-11-5 I. Watkinson
24 0-00pff Perpetual Rhythm (C. Dukes), Dukes, 8-11-5 .. P. Vaughan
31 Prince Apha (P. Hinchcliff), S. Norton, 5-11-0 .... —
7-4 Bhitsah, 100-30 Master Bivouac, 9-2 Mural Crown, 6-1 Express, 7-1 Mr Pippins, 9-1 Maykeeper, 12-1 Cleveland Bridge, 16-1 others.

## Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.45 Mister Fantasy. 2.15 Irish Special. 2.45 Swissair. 3.15 Jane Again. 3.45 Lovejoy. 4.15 Master Bivouac.

## Hexham programme

2.15 YARRIDGE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £272: 2m)
2 30-231 Yachtsman (D) (A. Perry), J. Edwards, 5-12-6 .... R. Barry
4 2-40020 Deer Creek (A. Graham), T. Barnes, 7-12-0 .... M. Barnes
6 42 Kickham (J. Britton), C. Lamb, 6-12-0 .... Mr Lamb
7 0-00003 Kilkiltab (J. FitzGerald), FitzGerald, 7-12-0 .... J. Crowley
10 00023 Birdlover (Mrs Milligan), B. Wilkinson, 5-11-13 .... D. Atkins
11 00-f0 Slipknot (J. Nelson), Nelson, 5-11-13 .... Mr Nelson 7
13 p00 Take Notice (Miss Cathcart), N. Crump, 5-11-13 C. Hawkins 7
14 Treviso (R. Brewis), Brewis, 5-11-13 .... Mr Walton
16 02 Anotherwire (G. Renilson), Renilson, 4-11-6 .... Mr Craggs
17 023 Clever Prince (A. Seed), W. A. Stephenson, 4-11-6 R. Collins 7
19 0000 Move Up (G. Murray), Murray, 4-11-6 .... P. Mangan
20 pp0 Plainsman (Mrs Collins), A. Collins, 4-11-6 .... P. Ennis
11-8 Yachtsman, 11-4 Kickham, 9-2 Birdlover, 7-1 Kilkiltab, 8-1 Clever Prince, 10-1 Deer Creek, 16-1 others.

2.45 HAYDON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 2½m)
1 211033 Half a Sixpence (Capt Baillie), K. Oliver, 10-11-9 H. Baillie 5
3 222131 Sparkle Again (CD) (C. Lamb), Lamb, 9-10-9 .. Mr Lamb
4 111e23 Baltizar (Mrs Carr-Walker), A. Kemp, 9-10-8 .. V. Percival 5
6 03f111 Lord of the Hills (Mrs Berry), G. Richards, 8-10-7 .. R. Barry
8 31-00 Mixed Double (CF) (Mrs Milligan), B. Wilkinson, 10-10-2 D. Atkins
10 40p-040 Glenzier Lad (D) (G. Leatham), J. Berry, 10-10-0 B. Fletcher
12 200030 Paspack (Mrs Dixon), V. Thompson, 8-10-0 .... Mr Gray 5
2-1 Sparkle Again, 5-2 Half a Sixpence, 7-2 Lord of the Hills, 11-2 Baltizar, 8-1 Mixed Double, 16-1 others.

3.15 TANT PIS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 3m)
2 2-21003 Tregarron (D) (R. Blyth), K. Oliver, 8-12-3 .... C. Tinkler
3 10 01p Dunrobin (D) (R. Stevenson), W. Crawford, 8-12-0 Mr Tinkler 5
4 u11020 Cantabot (D) (J. Lisle), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-12 G. Faulkner 7
5 214312 King's Lure (CD) (D. Todd), G. Richards, 11-11-12 C. Brownless 3
6 0u2300 Corrie Burn (Mrs Fairbairn), G. Fairbairn, 9-11-9 .. Mr Gray 5
7 04r-00 Herty Bill (J. Alder), Alder, 13-11-8 .... Mr MacMillan
8 211122 West End Lad (D) (S. Green), N. Crump, 7-11-8 .. D. Atkins
11 p04 Sir Roger (CD) (Mrs Russell), K. Oliver, 9-11-1 .. G. Holmes
12 403f43 Ernie Wiltshire (D) (D. Murdue), C. Lamb, 9-10-9 Mr Lamb
15 20020 Tanlic (CD) (W. Page), Page, 11-10-8 .... P. Ennis
6-2 West End Lad, 7-2 King's Lure, 4-1 Tregarron, 11-2 Cantabot, 7-1 Dunrobin, 10-1 Tanlic, 14-1 Sir Roger, 16-1 others.

3.45 MICHAEL HENDERSON HURDLE (Handicap: £476: 2m)
1 002122 Great Park (CD) (Mrs Aykroyd), T. Gillam, 6-12-7 B. Fletcher
2 134000 Welton Lad (D) (J. Henderson), T. Barnes, 5-11-9 .. M. Barnes
4 p Party Man (D) (T. Bracewell), D. McCain, 9-11-8 .... —
5 331303 Any Second (CD) (W. Murray), Murray, 6-11-4 .. P. Mangan
6 000311 Crown Court (CD) (Mrs Walton), F. Walton, 5-11-4 Mr Walton
7 130101 Silver Teal (CD) (G. Stick), M. W. Easterby, 4-11-1 Mr Tinkler 5
8 032320 Tanora (D) (J. Manners), D. Smith, 6-10-12 .. A. Dickman
9 202020 Paint Job (D) (Mrs Cumberland), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-10 R. Collins 7
11 01120f Dites Donc (CD) (D. Chapman), Chapman, 6-10-7 P. Broderick
12 010030 Mon Bias (CD) (Mrs Boothman), C. Boothman, 8-10-5 P. McCardle 7
14 030000 Tamandanus (D) (Mrs Braham), T. Kersey, 8-10-1 D. Atkins
15 221430 Forlorn Lady (D) (C. Lamb), Lamb, 4-10-0 .... Mr Lamb
11-4 Great Park, 100-30 Crown Court, 9-2 Silver Teal, 11-2 Any Second, 8-1 Tanora, Paint Job, 12-1 Dites Donc, Forlorn Lady, 16-1 others.

4.15 LEAZES NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (£340: 3m)
1 221 Bannamoor (D) (R. Brewis), Brewis, 11-12-1 .... Mr Walton
5 12p000 Raymonds Babu (Mrs Page), W. Page, 7-12-1 .... P. Ennis
7 00r-2f Corrie Brig (Mrs Fairbairn), G. Fairbairn, 7-11-10 P. Broderick
9 Dusty Donnelly (S. Fraser), K. Oliver, 7-11-10 .. G. Holmes
12 pf040f Lucker Princess (A. Dickinson), V. Thompson, 6-11-10 Mr Gray 5
13 f0b004 Luctig (Mrs Birtwistle), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-10 B. Fletcher
14 0000ff Mayhap (E. Cliff-McCulloch), W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-10 G. Faulkner 7
15 pp0-pp Wautu (Mrs Glass), W. Francis, 7-11-10 .... A. Taylor 7
18 31-p041 Luck (C) (J. Henderson), M. W. Easterby, 5-11-8 C. Tinkler
20 04p123 Balek (Mrs Perry), J. Edwards, 5-11-3 .... R. Barry
7-4 Luck, 5-2 Bannamoor, 5-1 Corrie Brig, 6-1 Luctig, 8-1 Lucker Princess, 10-1 Balek, 20-1 others.

4.45 YARRIDGE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £272: 2m)
1 323330 Inshalla (CD) (M. Brackenborough), G. Richards, 7-12-7 R. Barry
4 000-000 Muckle Bay (J. Hartley), Hartley, 7-12-0 .... P. Broderick
5 00 Orrell Park (Mrs McCain), D. McCain, 6-12-0 Mr Cassidy 7
6 3 Spring Life (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 6-12-0 G. Faulkner 7
8 000010 Cleoway (T. Dalgetty), Dalgetty, 4-11-13 .... Mr Elliot 7
9 3033b0 Hello Louis (Mrs Page), W. Page, 5-11-13 .... P. Ennis
11 040042 Park Road (Lady Barber), B. Wilkinson, 5-11-13 .... D. Atkins
14 Merry Mischief (R. Johnson), I. Jordon, 4-11-6 .... A. Brown 7
15 p Postresse (R. Muddle), N. Crump, 4-11-6 .... G. Holmes
16 0 Sarcen (A. Cooper), Hbt Jones, 4-11-6 .... B. Fletcher
2-1 Inshalla, 11-4 Spring Life, 4-1 Park Road, 11-2 Hello Louis, 10-1 Cleoway, 14-1 Rostresse, 20-1 others.

## Hexham selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Birdlover. 2.45 Half a Sixpence. 3.15 West End Lad. 3.45 Silver Teal. 4.15 Luctig. 4.45 Park Road.

## Beverley results

2.0 (2.5) BESWICK HANDICAP (£516: 5f)
The Solostan, b g, by El Gallo—Polling Station (S. Powell), 5-8-6 .... B. Rouse (13-8 fav) 1
Two Ronnies, b c, by Carnival Dancer—Little Singer (J. Glover), 5-8-6 .... W. Carson (9-2) 2
Hei'land Jamie, b c, by Highland Melody—Mary Newall (W. Paul), 4-9-6 .... C. Fairhurst (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Gold Loom, 8-1 Bosscat, 12-1 Atrek (4th), 14-1 Westgate Boy, Fiona's Pot. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 11p, 13p, 13p; dual forecast, 45p. J. Sutcliffe jnr, at Epsom. Nk, 6l. Royal Cadet did not run.

2.30 (2.31) LUND PLATE (2-y-o: £345: 5f)
Butterfly Boy, b c, by Veiled Wonder—First Flower (K. Payne), 8-11 .... A. Cousins (14-1) 1
Scott Jason, b c, by The Brianstan—Buggles (C. Newton), 8-11 .... P. Eddery (4-9 fav) 2
Ribble Rouser, ch c, by Marcus Brutus—Ribble Reed (W. Watts), 8-11 .... G. Oldroyd (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Lady Chief, 11-1 Grespin Lad, 12-1 Mulct, 14-1 Stewart Linnsay, Kirkwon Lady, Landas Pel, 20-1 Fernando, Gintoni (4th), Hatton Lady, Little Charmer, Torver. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.18; places, 70p, 12p, 15p. K. Payne, at Middleham. 2l, 1½l. The winner was bought in for 500 guineas.

3.0 (3.1) ESK PLATE (Handicap: £518: 2m)
Barmy, b h, by Silly Season—Bewilder (I. Balding), 6-8-1 .... J. Matthias (4-1) 1
Pottersville, b h, by Charlottesville—Potters Wheel (B. Newton), 6-9-7 .... P. Eddery (7-4 fav) 2
Mont St Michel, b c, by Le Levanstell—Bollie (W. Coleman), 4-9-7 .... G. Duffield (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Broughty Harbour, Galah Bird (4th), Hopeful Subject, 12-1 Wynds Point, Limner. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 12p, 11p, 12p; dual forecast, 35p. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 2l, 30l.

3.30 (3.41) WATTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £812: 1¼m)
Albrighton, b c, by Alcide—Peep of Dawn (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), 9-7 .. F. Durr (7-2) 1
Carlton Saint, b c, by Welsh Saint—Veuve Joyeuse (F. Reacher), 8-6 .... C. Moss (6-1) 2
Rethink, b c, by Hauran—White Flame (Mrs E. Hargrave), 7-7 .... E. Johnson (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Friendly Boy, 9-4 Pichal, 20-1 Sporting Shot (4th), 25-1 Pearly. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 17p, 29p; dual forecast, 67p. H. Cecil, at Newmarket. 1½l, 8l.

4.0 (4.2) HOUGHTON PLATE (3-y-o: £345: 1m)
Hollow Laughter, b f, by Wolver Hollow—Recital (R. Sangster), 8-11 .... P. Eddery (8-13 fav) 1
Maria Alexandria (USA), b f, by Czar Alexander—Maria Helena (G. Ring), 8-11 F. Durr (4-1) 2
Ashingora, b f, by Raffingora—Hopton Ash (F. Lodall), 8-11 .... E. Hide (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 High Walk, 12-1 Kintore, Boating Song, 20-1 Bandley, Colditz, Provident (4th), Hoheris, Wild Dery. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 10p, 15p, 17p. F. Carr, at Malton. 3l, 2½l.

4.30 (4.35) EVERINGHAM STAKES (£437: 1½m)
Kiani, b h, by Relko—Iranla (Mrs B. Harris), 5-9-0 J. Reid (6-1) 1
Brauriso, ch m, by Canisbay—So Alone (C. Payne-Crofts), 5-9-2 R. Edmondson (13-8 fav) 2
Wogan's Wager, ch c, by Bohistoun—Storm Widow (P. Coulson), 4-8-9 .... S. Salmon (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Java River (4th), 11-2 Somersal, 12-1 Farmers Boy, King Saul, 16-1 Mostly Music, 20-1 Aston George, Le Lion, Tacology, Ahab, Barkis. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 16p, 12p, 36p. C. Bewicke, at Didcot. 8l, 1l. The Radge Cadge, Whitsmacelli, Articora did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Barmy, Hollow Laughter, £7.95. TREBLE: Butterfly Boy, Albrighton, Kiani, £25.90 (paid on first two legs).

## Sedgefield

2.45 (2.46) CROFT HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 2m)
Asylia, b f, by Aglojo—Camilla Mary (Mrs J. Hayes), 4-10-0 R. Rowell (6-1) 1
Black Peter, br g, by Mandamus—Ensign Rouge (D. Urwin), 6-10-5 J. Mooney (7-1) 2
Arthur's Choice, b h, by Aggressor—Spinsters (Mrs A. Eyre), 5-9-13 P. McCardle (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Celtic Delight (4th), 10-1 Sky Jack, Snow Moss, Casey Boy, Naval Whistler, Johns Jewel, 12-1 Privy Cass, 14-1 River Song, See You, Silver Serenade, 16-1 Tealing, 33-1 Kings Ballad, Shotgun Wedding, Little Glory, Hunter, Wilbeneer. 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 15p, 26p, 20p, 17p. M. Goswell, at Horsham. 3l, 5l.

3.15 (3.16) MAINSFORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £408: 2m)
Satara Pasha, b h, by Rustam—Dona Ana (J. Edmunds), 6-10-5 M. Blackshaw (5-1) 1
Scotia's Bay, ch g, by Skymaster—Victurnienne (J. Meecham), 6-10-4 .... T. Stack (16-1) 2
Scottish Folly, br g, by Bing II—Lush Pool (Mrs M. Berry), 8-11-0 bl P. Broderick (7-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Wyse Hill (4th), 6-1 Canonbie Key, 10-1 Sammy's Girl, 20-1 Proud Paul, 33-1 Galano. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 62p; places, 18p, 23p, 12p; dual forecast, £1.07. R. Edwards, at Shrewsbury. Sh hd, 2l. Victorian Vision did not run.

3.45 (3.47) KIRK MERRINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £408: 3m 250 yd)
Lucky Victory, b g, by Lucky Leprechaun—Early Victory (T. Hutchinson), 6-10-0 bl T. Stack (13-8 fav) 1
Miles Apart, br g, by Athenius—The Milestone (Mrs R. Norman), 8-12-0 .... L. Moulton (7-2) 2
The Celestial Traveller, b g, by Babur—Avril Sprite (H. Lane), 13-10-9 .... A. Meaney (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Earls Castle, Kildrummy, 12-1 China Garden, Vulgans Trout, 16-1 Drumshill House, 20-1 Collingwood (4th), 33-1 Mr Toad. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 12p, 17p, 28p; dual forecast, 40p. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 4l, 12l.

4.15 (4.21) PETERLEE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £272: 2½m)
Gold Escort, ch g, by Golden Vision—Vulchive (P. Greenall), 8-11-6 .. Mr P. Greenall (5-1) 1
Conara, b g, by Rubor—Cool Copp (R. Jackson), 5-11-9 M. Barnes (12-1) 2
Nautilus, b g, by Typhoon—Fiona (H. Blackshaw), 6-11-10 M. Blackshaw (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: Evens fav Hereward, 4-1 Inglebank, 14-1 Boolavonge, So Ray, 20-1 Ready Reckoner (4th), Indian Gudia, 33-1 Pride of Piwca, Sarouk (p), 50-1 Frutica, Kilgoris, Crane Moor, Miss Forte (p). 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.65; places, 51p, 29p, 99p. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 2l, 2½l.

4.45 (4.52) HETTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2m)
Mullacrew, ch g, by Dalesa—Good Luck (J. Lovell), D. Atkins (10-1) 1
Nice Palm, ch m, by Royal Palm—Nicosi (P. Wardle), Mr D. Greaves (4-1) 2
Most Obliging, b g, by Woodville II—Cleodora (W. A. Stephenson) .. G. Faulkner (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 Sir Mago (4th), 12-1 Salmo Lady, 14-1 Aucklander, Headship, 20-1 Chief Yeoman, Nerak, 25-1 Stars Monty, Octave, 33-1 Bing Lady, Nordell, Rough Diamond, Prince Bay, Royal Joke. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.40; places, 28p, 22p, 13p. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn. ¾l, 2l.

5.15 (5.25) PETERLEE HURDLE (Div II Novices: £272: 2½m)
Double Pearl, ch f, by Gulf Pearl—Bay Pearly (W. Jackson), 4-11-2 .. C. Tinkler (4-1 jt fav) 1
Vignette, ch m, by Phil—Amphore (A. Graham), 5-11-9 M. Barnes (4-1 jt fav) 2
Tudor Court, ch g, by Tudor Treasure—J.B.K. (F. Smith), 5-11-2 .... P. Salmon (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Bubble Brook (4th), 9-2 Miss Goldie, 7-1 Lemon Tree, 12-1 Torso, 14-1 Miss Milford, 20-1 Gold Prince, 33-1 Rossfair, Undercliffe, Peckforten Gap, Song Of Norton. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 15p, 18p, 48p. M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 2l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Lucky Victory, Mullacrew, £73.70. TREBLE: Satara Pasha, Gold Escort, Double Pearl, £44.

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# Societies accept mortgage curbs to prevent house prices surge

y Margaret Stone

Against the background of a ecord inflow of funds—net receipts of £274m for March were eported yesterday—the Government and the building ocieties have formalized their rrangements for introducing uantitative controls for home oans.

The Building Societies Assoiation and the Government ave for some time been increasingly worried that the big psurge of investment in building societies coupled with the ent-up demand for home loans ter the mortgage famine of 974 could trigger another und of unacceptable house rice increases.

Under the aegis of the Joint dvisory Committee, set up by e Government and the associon in September, 1973, the ilding societies have agreed arrange their lending policies line with the JAC's recomendations as to the necessary olume of lending needed to ncourage builders without using the housing market to verheat.

Mr Anthony Crosland, Secrery of State for the Environent, has welcomed the new heme in spite of the fact that represents a victory for the ilding societies against his vn per plan for a formal stabilation fund.

This idea of the societies put- ig surplus funds into a central ol to be unlocked in times mortgage shortage was finly abandoned on the grounds at it would involve governent subsidies.

In practice the new plan will ake very little difference to e operations of individual building societies who for years have used their own liquidity levels as means of ironing out the peaks and troughs of mortgage funds.

However, because of the more efficient and wider-based monitoring of house prices, new housing starts and other factors by the JAC, action will probably be taken more quickly than in the past.

At the moment there is little evidence that house prices are beginning to "take off" again despite the record lending of societies this year. In a survey published earlier this week by the Nationwide Building Society, new house prices were shown to have risen 2 per cent in the first quarter of this year while second-hand houses were upvalued by 3 per cent.

So it appears unlikely that the new scheme will be operating in a negative way by reducing mortgage funds at the moment. Indeed the statement issued yesterday by the Department of the Environment indicates that the level of lending could be higher than at present.

March proved a record month all round for the building societies. Net receipts were an all-time high of £274m against the previous record of £240m in January. A total of £348m was lent to home buyers and a further £394m promised to mortgage applicants.

As expected, no decision was taken at yesterday's meeting of the council of the association in respect of interest rates. The council will be holding a special meeting in the week after the Budget to determine whether the investment rate should be reduced, which might in turn mean a reduction in the mortgage interest rate.

# Parting protest over Aston Martin deal

By David Young

Talks are to be held within the next few days between the new Anglo-American-Canadian ownership of Aston Martin and the trade unions to discuss the resumption of production of the prestige V8 sports coupé and the four-door Lagonda version unveiled at the last Motor Show.

Company Developments, the Birmingham-based group which placed the company into receivership in the last week of 1974, yesterday formally accepted the offer made for it by the consortium formed by Mr Peter Sprague, of California, Mr George Minden, a Canadian, and Mr Jeremy Turner, a London businessman.

The statement issued yesterday by Mr William Willson, Company Developments' chairman, accepting the offer typified the bitterness which has coloured the negotiations

Mr Willson described the consortium as "the Sprague Circus," and said that the offer was totally inadequate. Company Developments would accept the offer as far as its interests were concerned and provided the unsecured creditors were prepared to accept 7½p to 10p in the £ in complete settlement of funds due to them.

In a statement yesterday Mr Willson said: "The approximate effect of this is that Company Developments receives £500,000 in settlement for £750,000, the preferential creditors are paid in full and the unsecured creditors receive 7½p to 10p in the £.

"This decision is being conveyed to the American circus and the contract of sale has been called for."

The informal committee of Aston Martin creditors and Mr Michael Clark, the receiver, agreed to accept the offer—which is estimated to be worth a total of £1,050,000—a week ago.

The first task of the new owners will be to re-recruit the skilled labour force which worked in the Newport Pagnell factory.

A nucleus of workers are still operating at the service department completing the 30 cars which were in course of production when work at the main plant was halted.

Mr Jeremy Turner said last night: "The consortium has been described by Mr Willson as 'American', but this is not the case. The fact is that the new Aston Martin Company will be a British company, building a great British car and we hope that production will begin as soon as possible."

# BSC production heads for 25pc fall

By Ronald Faux

Sir Monty Finniston, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, said yesterday that steel production in Britain could drop by 25 per cent in a matter of weeks, and repeated his warning that redundancies in the industry were inevitable.

But he assured leaders of the Scottish TUC at a meeting in Glasgow that the recession was not being used as an excuse for early closure of old steel plants. The recession in Britain was very serious but the misery would be shared throughout all the regions of the United Kingdom.

There were various measures of work-sharing and early retirement already being discussed with the workforce to soften the blow of rationalization, he said.

"Recession is not peculiar to us. It is happening throughout the whole world. They have already gone over the cliff in Germany where production is 35 per cent less, and the Japanese are already down to 25 per cent compared with the same period last year."

The corporation was discussing measures with the workforce at local level to reduce the impact of this decline on their employment, but it was quite clear the corporation could not sustain workforces if the production was not there.

Sir Monty expected a fall of about 25 per cent in production on average. The galvanized sheet industry had already "gone completely; there is no demand at all". Orders for sheet steel used in car production had fallen and the only side of the industry which was booming was tubular steel and material for North Sea oil production.

The corporation was working on the assumption that there would be no sign of a reflation in the economy until the end of this year, or possibly into 1976.

Two things could change this situation; an injection of money into the American economy, or a reflationary Budget from Mr Healey. Sir Monty pointed out that the German steel sector was receiving the benefit of tax relief and help with capital investment.

In a joint press statement from the corporation and the Scottish TUC, the unions said they accepted that the effect on manpower of the recession was a separate matter from any long-term revision of the steel industry, which is to be discussed in tripartite talks in London next week.

# Agreement in sight on agenda for energy talks

From Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent
Paris, April 11

After four days of fruitless talks, the long-awaited breakthrough on an agenda for a world energy conference was in sight last night.

After being in session for most of the day, the five-nation working party formed to speed up the discussions began yet another night session.

With both the industrialized countries and the Third World making concessions on their ideas for the agenda there was, for the first time, hope of an agreement.

The two opposing agendas for the world conference have now been combined into a single document containing all the points from the original papers. Compromise has to be reached on the areas where the two differing concepts are in conflict.

A Venezuelan spokesman said he thought the study group was moving to a successful conclusion of the agenda question. While progress had been made, he said, the industrialized countries, represented in the working party by the EEC, had "not come all the way to the point where we would want them to be."

Iran, Saudi Arabia, Zaire and Algeria represent the Third World. The Algerians said they were much less pessimistic about the outcome of the conference than they had been this morning.

If agreement on the agenda is reached, the meeting can return to a full session. This would give official consent to the deal and also finalize arrangements on who should be invited to the main conference. Price cut: Saudi Arabian leaders have hinted that an oil price reduction of 50 cents a barrel and a two-year freeze of crude prices at that level would be "reasonable," according to a diplomatic source in Jeddah.

# Mr Benn is 'shaken' by textile case

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, said yesterday he had been "very shaken" by the strength of argument used when he met representatives of the textile industry in Manchester.

After spending a working lunch with the executive council of the British Textile Confederation, and meeting Lancashire textile workers and trade union officials, Mr Benn said that the Government were taking very seriously the anxieties expressed.

About 24 textile mills have closed in the past year and thousands of workers are on short time. The workers blame foreign imports and want them cut by the Government.

"I was really very shaken by the strength of language and argument used by the people I met today", Mr Benn said. "They conveyed to me a feeling, as one described it, of inner desperation about the survival of the industry.

"Here is an industry where there has been massive co-operation by the workers over a period of years. There has been a very rapid increase in productivity and a very rapid fall in employment."

No one could attribute the problems of the industry to those who worked in it, he added.

Speaking about manufacturing generally, Mr Benn said that with the world recession, there was a serious danger that Britain would emerge incapable of meeting the upturn of demand which would come.

# CBI members to lobby Mr Wilson on policies

By Malcolm Brown

Rank-and-file members of the Confederation of British Industry are organizing a petition to Mr Wilson, the Prime Minister, giving him a warning that government policies are a direct cause of the collapse of business confidence and urging him to drop "divisive and irrelevant" policies.

The organizers, who hope to recruit many thousands of industrialists to the cause, are aiming to have the petition ready for delivery before the CBI dinner on May 20 at which the Prime Minister is traditionally the chief guest.

Idea for the petition, which originated in Wales, has been taken up by the CBI's 12 regional council chairmen and the confederaion's smaller firms council.

Although the CBI is collaborating in the delivery of the petition to Mr Wilson, it was stressed at CBI headquarters yesterday that the move was not being organized by the CBI's national officials. It is hoped to recruit signatories from all types of companies, not just CBI members.

The petition says there are fears that present government policies will have serious consequences for British companies and their employees.

"Within the context of a serious economic situation in which the prime task of government and industry must be to tackle inflation", the statement says, "our concern relates to the Industry Bill, the Employment Prorection Bill, the capital transfer tax, the wealth tax and uncertainty caused by the referendum on the EEC." Clifford Webb, writes: CBI member companies are being urged to counter the growing trade union anti-EEC campaign by informing their employees of the threat to job prospects of a "No" vote in the June 5 referendum. During the next fortnight the CBI will be sending companies a range of leaflets setting out the benefits and dangers of Britain's membership.

At a press conference in Birmingham yesterday, Mr Tony Green, CBI chairman in the Midlands, and managing director of Tufnol, said: "In the case of my own firm we have already done our sums and told our employees of the danger of Britain leaving the Community. Since we joined the EEC my company has spent a great deal of money and this has enabled us to quadruple our sales."

A spokesman for the CBI's London headquarters said: "Of our 11,500 member firms only seven have declared themselves in favour of quitting the EEC."

# Producers make further copper cuts

By Melvyn Westlake

In a further desperate bid to prop up the price of copper on international markets the four chief producers—Chile, Peru, Zaire and Zambia—will from next Tuesday extend the cutback in their production levels to 15 per cent, reducing exports by a similar amount.

This was announced in Paris yesterday afternoon following a conference of ministers from copper producing countries which have formed an Opec-styled cartel known as CIPEC.

The new producer agreement will increase the scale of the production cutback from the 10 per cent level in force since the end of last year. The move had been widely expected in the copper market and even appeared to be welcomed by many traders.

New York dealers said the increased cutback would help reduce supplies of the refined metal that have resulted from the economic recession among the industrialized countries.

However, there was considerable scepticism that the CIPEC action would strengthen copper prices in present circumstances, particularly as the copper industry is approaching the traditional period of low activity.

On the London Metal Exchange the price of copper wire bars closed last night at £553.50 a tonne, having plummeted from a peak of £1,400 a tonne a year ago—but slightly above this year's worst levels of below £500.

Announcing the CIPEC cutback to a press conference in Paris, Mr Axon Soko, Zambian Minister of Mines, said other copper producers were expected to fall in line with the policy of the four leading producers.

The new cutbacks, taking into account cooperation from other producers, are estimated to reduce world copper production by 800,000 tonnes over a full year according to Mr Sacha Gueronik, the executive director of the Paris-based CIPEC. This compares with estimates of world surplus stocks of 500,000 tonnes at the end of 1974.

Although the escalating action of the copper producers is requiring them to make considerable sacrifices, Mr Soko said other producers were seeking to join CIPEC.

Significantly Mr Soko said that Japan had also indicated a willingness to cooperate.

# Loss-maker Pirelli may raise capital

Our Financial Staff

Speculation is increasing in ly that an imminent capital ising exercise is being planned

Industrie Pirelli SpA, the oubled Italian operating comny of the Dunlop-Pirelli tyre ion, which yesterday revealed loss for 1974 of 11,300m-lire bout £7.5m).

Announcing the loss, which mpares with one of 16,800m e in 1973, the board said it lieved the financial structure the company needed to be proved.

The two years' losses together ve exceeded a third of the mpany's capital, reducing it 77,000m lire, and an extraordinary meeting of shareolders has been called for pril 29 to discuss the situation.

Pirelli spokesman declined to mment on suggestions that a pital-raising operation was ntemplated.

The company, which is 51 per nt owned by Pirelli SpA and per cent owned by Dunlop, id that improved industrial erating performance had been oded by an exceptional rise interest rates.

A capital issue by Industrie relli need not necessarily inlve Dunlop. It was agreed in 73 that Pirelli would assume ll financial responsibility for dustrie Pirelli and no increase Dunlop's £41.5m investment uld be considered until the mpany had returned to profitility.

However, if Pirelli injects new nds Dunlop will retain the tion to restore its holding to per cent.

# Coats Paton closing 211 wool shops

By Maurice Corina

Coats Paton, the textiles group, is to close down its chain of Bellman's Scotch Wool shops. The 211 branches throughout Britain will have ceased trading by September.

This is the first real sign of the economic squeeze, already hitting manufacturing, reaching down into the retail trade. More than 1,000 people will lose their jobs, blamed on high operating costs.

Bellman's, founded 66 years ago, will shut 10 stores today andother closures will follow.

Mr Graham Watt, managing director of Bellman's said that increasing costs, particularly wages, had forced the company, a subsidiary of Coats Paton (Retail), out of business.

"Other companies may well find themselves in a similar position if profits cannot compete with increased expenses," he said.

A spokesman for the parent group said the retail operations were just not profitable any more and continually rising costs had led to the closure decision. However, it was hoped to expand retail operations later of the group's Country Casuals chain.

Bellman's shops have usually been in small but convenient premises, specializing in wools and sewing products of all kinds and related goods. It is the biggest chain of its kind, but specialist shops in this sector of retailing have been fast disappearing, with department stores and others introducing their own wool sections.

# Small rally by sterling against $

Sterling weakened further on the foreign exchanges yesterday but managed a small rally in the afternoon. Dealers said selling of the pound was not heavy, and the currency tended to weaken progressively on a "thin" market.

By noon the pound's "effective rate" against 10 key currencies (compared with three years ago) had worsened from the overnight level of 21.9 per cent to 22 per cent—or within an ace of its all-time worst level of 22.1 per cent.

However, by the close of trading it was again back to 21.9 per cent. The pound even showed a final net advance against the dollar, closing at $2.3660, up 0.35 cent.

## Budget nerves take toll of gilt-edged

Stock markets had another cautious session as the City braced itself for Budget day. Gilt-edged stocks remained nervous as rumours circulated regarding the possible size of the Government borrowing requirement that will be disclosed on Tuesday. In equities, turnover was thin but share prices managed to hold firm.

The FT index closed 1.1 up at 295.5, a fall of a mere 0.2 on the week. Investors in London have been unsettled this week by indications that United States interest rates may be about to rise again.

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## Citibank holds prime

First National City Bank of New York announced yesterday that it is holding its prime lending rate at 7½ per cent. The announcement came as little surprise in view of the present relative stability of money market rates and the continuing capital market tension.

## Air travel licences

The Civil Aviation Authority has granted air travel operators' licences for the period ending March 31, 1976, to: Executive Travel, Gower Travel, Majorcan Apartments and Holiday Services, Sky Travel (London) Waymark Holidays, Sport and Travel, Air Marketing International, Grampian Travel, Jasun Gold, Libra Travel Holidays, Holiday Villas, Turavia International Holidays and Fryer Travel.

## ENI dispute

The heading on an item about a dispute in the Italian chemical industry in yesterday's Business News should have referred to ENI, not EML

# Leyland talks on redundancy

British Leyland has begun talks with trade union officials on proposals for voluntary redundancy at the Cowley car factories. They follow a further cut-back in Marina production. More than 4,500 Marina workers are now on a four-day week.

It is understood Leyland wants to lose about 1,600 workers at the body and assembly plants. A company spokesman said yesterday that because of the downturn in world car markets production was being reduced.

# Unions agree to Vauxhall's 'non-inflationary' pay offer

By R. W. Shakespeare

After many weeks of difficult negotiations Vauxhall Motors has concluded a new pay deal with the car unions covering 21,000 manual workers at the company's Luton, Dunstable and Ellesmere Port car and commercial vehicle plants.

The unions agreed at a meeting with the management yesterday to recommend the new pay structure to a series of mass meetings at plant level.

The company has revised its original offer so that total increases ranging from £7.60 a week for unskilled workers to £8.80 a week for the top skilled will now be paid in three stages over the next 12 months instead of four as was originally proposed.

Also, the company has offered an extra payment if the inflation rate at the end of this year exceeds 16 per cent. This could make the total package worth more than £10 a week for most workers.

There will be an immediate increase of £3.40 for skilled workers, of £3.20 for production workers, and of £2.80 for unskilled workers. All groups will get further increases in September and next January.

Mr Geoffrey Moore, Vauxhall's director of labour relations, said that both sides in the negotiations had had to take account of the difficult situation facing the company, the car industry and the country as a whole. They had reached a settlement which would keep earnings in line with the expected increase in the cost of living without being inflationary.

# Bill excludes marine and air insurance

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members would be appointed by the Secretary of State.

Through a levy of no more than 1 per cent per annum of their premium income on all authorized insurance companies, the board would offer 100 per cent protection to holders of compulsory insurance policies (such as motor) and 90 per cent to holders of other types of policy. However, Mr Shore said yesterday that "in certain cases where benefits offered are excessive, compensation will be less than 90 per cent."

These guarantees would apply only to those holding policies written in the United Kingdom or who had paid one or more premiums in the United Kingdom. Marine, aviation and transport insurance business was excluded, although they could be brought within the Bill's scope by order.

The board's duties would arise when an insurance company went into liquidation, provided that the liquidation started after October 29, 1974, when the Government's intentions to set up a scheme were announced.

Mr Shore said that the board would use "sparingly" its additional powers to "facilitate the rehabilitation of a company where his department considered that the company might be unable to meet its liabilities towards protected policyholders".

The board might "either arrange for the transfer of business to another company, or give assistance to the company at risk when the necessary changes of management, control or membership have occurred. But it must ensure that, as far as practicable, the existing shareholders will not benefits".

The maximum possible levy in the first year might be about £15m on general business and £9m on life. The life business levy would be based on income from contracts entered into after January 1, 1975.

Under the Bill's provisions, the Secretary of State will have power to "vary" the board's duties as well as to give it "guidance".

These provisions were the cause of immediate concern in the industry yesterday where they were interpreted as meaning that the minister might order the board to rescue a company against its wishes. They were also interpreted as suggesting possible future direction of insurance companies' investments.

However, the industry's chief objection is to the company rescue provisions.

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# How the markets moved

FT index: 295.5+1.1
The Times index: 119.70+0.21

## Rises

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amal Colls | 50p to 440p | Lloyds Bk | 4p to 182p |
| Barclays Bk | 2p to 232p | Magnet Joinery | 10p to 146p |
| BLMC | 1½p to 88p | Pearl | 14p to 190p |
| Costain, R. | 7p to 179p | Selection Tst | 20p to 515p |
| EMI | 2p to 110p | Sea Diam | 1p to 14p |
| Fisons | 3p to 325p | Trans Can P | 15p to 745p |
| Lyons, J. Ord | 6p to 140p | Yule Catto | 2p to 26p |

## Falls

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boots | 7p to 181p | Manson Fin | 5p to 25p |
| Brit Am Tob | 2p to 298p | Peak Inv | 1p to 9p |
| Distillers | 1p to 116½p | Philips Lamp | 5p to 815p |
| Dutton For | 2p to 20p | Reliance Grp | 70p to 420p |
| Gillett Bros | 5p to 155p | Silentbloc | 1p to 15p |
| Gerrard & Nat | 5p to 270p | Union Discount | 13p to 290p |
| Int Hldgs | 5p to 720p | Western Sel | 3p to 24p |

*Equities held steady.*
Gilt-edged securities remained active and closed with mixed changes.
Gold fell by 50 cents to $172 an oz.
Sterling rose by 35 points to $2.3660. The "effective devaluation" rate was 21.9 per cent.
SDR-$ was 1.23961 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.524436.
Commodities: Cocoa closed up to £19.00 a metric ton lower yesterday. Reuters' index was just 0.6 higher at 1,090.5.

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## THE POUND

| | Bank buys | Bank sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.83 | 1.78 |
| Austria Sch | 41.25 | 39.25 |
| Belgium Fr | 87.25 | 84.50 |
| Canada $ | 2.43 | 2.38 |
| Denmark Kr | 13.40 | 13.00 |
| Finland Mkk | 8.60 | 8.35 |
| France Fr | 10.20 | 9.90 |
| Germany DM | 5.75 | 5.55 |
| Greece Dr | 71.50 | 69.25 |
| Hongkong $ | 11.80 | 11.45 |
| Italy Lr | 1550.00 | 1500.00 |
| Japan Yn | 720.00 | 690.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 5.85 | 5.65 |
| Norway Kr | 12.05 | 11.70 |
| Portugal Esc | 59.00 | 57.00 |
| S Africa Rd | 1.81 | 1.75 |
| Spain Pes | 134.00 | 129.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 9.65 | 9.35 |
| Switzerland Fr | 6.20 | 6.00 |
| United States $ | 2.40 | 2.35 |
| Yugoslav Dnr | 41.25 | 39.00 |

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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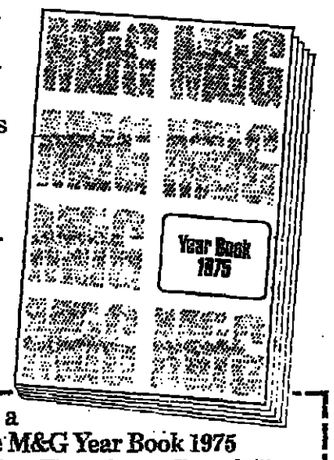
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# PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

## Grouse

*After a three-month break "Grouse" returns to its regular spot on the Saturday Personal Investment and Finance pages. The new series starts by highlighting a topical financial injustice which will affect a group of people who have already suffered enough.*

*Not all future "Grouse" features will deal with such major issues as the one to which attention is drawn this week—the aggregation of the maintenance income paid to a child with that of its divorced mother's income. The advantage of the column is that it can grouse both where matters of principle are at stake and at the smaller inconveniences, pin-pricks or simple incompetences the individual can meet with in any sphere of financial activity.*

*So we would like to hear from readers whenever they feel they have a justifiable complaint against the financial system. In the past "Grouse" has scared a few small triumphs in persuading companies to adapt their ways: we can hope to do so again.*

The decision taken in the 1974 spring Budget to reintroduce the aggregation of a child's income with that of its parents is being implemented in the current tax year. The legislation is aimed at tax avoiders, but in fact those hardest hit will be families more interested in survival than tax games.

They will be the divorced or separated mothers awarded court orders payable to their child(ren). Under the new regulations this maintenance income of a child is now to be aggregated with that of its mother.

Adding insult to injury, the maintenance award not only suffers income tax but is possibly liable to the investment income surcharge as well.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has, in next week's Budget, the chance to redress this injustice. One-parent families are among the least able to cope with inflation, without having to face the burden of further financial penalties.

Many of the mothers have had to fight every inch of the way to obtain even the most modest maintenance payments for their children. The chance of success in having their previous level of income restored by going back to the courts for more money must be considered remote.

The Government has already conceded that there will be hardship for some and has indicated that exemptions will probably be available for modest sums. But this is little consolation for women who will have the extra problem of going through all the motions of qualifying for exemption, and even less consolation for women whose family income is effectively reduced at a time when all other expenditure is rising.

Pensions

## A better deal for women

This is International Women's Year, a fact which is being reflected in a series of legislative changes and recommendations on many subjects, now including pensions. That the Secretary of State for Social Services is a woman is not irrelevant in this context.

*Mrs Castle played an important* role in securing better treatment for women in occupational pension schemes even before she assumed her present position. With others she campaigned effectively to amend the Revenue rules so that the provision of widowers' benefits could be included in approved schemes.

Earlier in the year she asked the Occupational Pensions Board—set up originally to grant recognition to pension schemes which passed the tests built into Sir Keith Joseph's Social Security Act, but now with a new role as the Government's "think-tank" for pensions—to look at the equality of status for women as members, present and potential, of schemes.

The actual terms of reference for the investigation are "to consider, in the light of the Government's proposals for the future of pensions and in *particular their intention* to end discrimination against women in occupational pension schemes, what further steps are necessary, whether by way of legislation or otherwise, to implement the principle of equality of status for men and women in such schemes".

The range of available evidence upon which Sir Philip Allen, chairman of the OPB, and his colleagues can base their conclusions is extremely limited at present. There is the latest survey on occupational pension schemes by the Government Actuary which was published in 1971 and there are other official publications relating to women at work.

But in the main the OPB will be heavily dependent on the volume and quality of *information* it receives from the pensions industry and the other organizations it has invited to supply evidence. Women's organizations feature high on this list and individuals who feel that they have something to contribute on the subject are also invited to submit evidence to the OPB. (It should be sent to the Report Secretary, Occupational Pensions Board, 16-19 Gresse Street, London, W1, before June 30.



Sir Philip Allen, chairman of the Occupational Pensions Board: gathering evidence.

There are two fundamental problems which hinder progress towards absolute equality of status between men and women in respect of pensions. One is the historical accident that so far as the state retirement pension is concerned the retirement age for men is 65 and 60 for women.

*It has been estimated* that it would cost £12,000m to reduce the male retirement age to 60 and the present Government has reluctantly admitted that there is little scope for progress on this front.

The second, even more intractable, problem is the actuarial fact that women have a greater life expectancy (by about four years) than men. The possibility that the difference is being gradually whittled away, as women continue to take on more demanding jobs and run their families as well, has not yet been thrown up to any significant extent by the actuarial tables.

The new pensions Bill, the Social Security Pensions Bill, will remove some of the existing *discrimination against* women in pension schemes. It says that men and women shall have equal right of access to a company pension scheme at the same age, after the same length of service and on the same basis of option of obligation.

The only distiguishing factor in future (in respect of contracting out of the state scheme) must be by category of employment.

Because of the pattern of jobs in this country where women, for example, tend to provide the majority of shop assistants, the OPB is very interested in this last condition of the Social Security Pensions Bill. It asks whether in practice the exclusion of a category of employment *would represent exclusion* of employees of a particular sex or marital status.

The question which interests many women members or pension schemes is why their dependants receive different treatment from those of their male colleagues. The OPB draws attention to this difference by pointing out that often lower sum benefits are paid on the death of women members and that women in some instances do not receive cover under the life assurance scheme.

But the OPB's brief is not only concerned with the battle of the sexes on the pensions front but also with the special needs of women where they may need to be looked at separately. In particular, it wants much more information about the provision pension schemes make, or should make, for women who return to work after caring for children or elderly dependants.

It also asks how maternity *leave and materaity pay* should be treated for pensions purposes. What should be the rights of divorcees and separated wives? Should dependants' pensions be forfeited on remarriage? Should the age gap between husband and wife (particularly if a wife is very much younger than her husband) make any difference to the level of benefits?

Because there are still women who do not know how much their husbands earn, let alone such rarefied details as whether he belongs to a company pension *scheme or not*, the OPB was rather diffident when it asked for views on whether wives should be told by husbands' schemes about their financial expectations from *them*.

The OPB hopes to be able to report by the end of the year. Whether its recommendations will be incorporated into law or be left to voluntary arrangement remains to be seen. But one thing is clear—the lot of women should be further improved.

Margaret Stone

# Policyholders at last to have protection

There is no disagreement now between the Government and the insurance industry that consumer protection in the insurance field has been inadequate *in the past*, and that it must be improved in the future. However, the issues over how that protection should be afforded and who is best qualified to provide it are neither settled nor, unfortunately, by any means black and white.

In introducing his Policyholders Protection Bill yesterday, Peter Shore, the Secretary of State for Trade, described it as "a most important advance in the field of consumer protection". And whatever the fate of the Bill on its (probably *rough*) passage through Parliament the consumer interest is obviously going to emerge paramount at the end of the day.

This is at it should be because there is no denying that *the consumer is highly vulnerable* to the advertised claims of the insurance industry to provide certain benefits which in the event prove highly unrealistic and sometimes impossible to meet.

Arguably the fault here lies as much with the broker as with the underwriter, and the Minister is proposing to implement his powers under existing Insurance Companies Acts to control the environment under which policies are marketed.

Moreover, the Department of Trade is all the time reinforcing its supervision of the insurance industry. But, as Mr Shore said yesterday, it will be "some years before the changes in supervision can come fully into operation".

Even then, no system of supervision, however tight, could provide a "complete guarantee" against failure. His protection scheme was, therefore, complementary to the new *supervision arrangements*.

How will the scheme work? As Mr Shore sees it, a five-man statutory board—called the Policyholders Protection Board (with majority representation from the insurance industry)—will be set up to run the protection scheme.

It will offer 100 per cent protection to the holders of compulsory insurance policies, such as motor or employers' liability schemes. And it will give 90 per cent protection to holders of other types of policy.

As an important qualification to this latter provision, however, Mr Shore said quite specifically yesterday that compensation would be "less than 90 per cent where benefits offered are excessive". Presumably it will be left to the board to define what is excessive.

In order to provide these guarantees to policyholders, the *statutory* board will have powers to raise levies on the insurance industry, which, in effect, means on all insurance companies authorized by the Department of Trade to write *business*.

Levies will be up to a limit of 1 per cent of the premium income of the companies included, in any year. The board will be able to raise a levy only *to meet expenditure* which it has incurred "or will do within a year". This levy, Mr Shore again said quite specifically yesterday, "will not mean higher premiums" for the policyholder.

Normally the board's duties will arise when a company goes into liquidation, provided that the liquidation started after October 29, 1974, when the Government's intentions were announced.

This clearly excludes Nation Life, which, if you like, is the *cause celèbre* that provoked a consumer outcry and the present initiatives both in Government and within the industry to ensure that policyholders are never again left so hideously unprotected.

Pressure within Parliament to get Nation Life included within the statutory scheme may or may not succeed, but meanwhile it was learnt yesterday that a group of other insurance companies are now well advanced on a part rescue scheme for Nation Life Policyholders. This will offer replacement policies to "at least a half" of annual premium policyholders, certainly to the value of over 50 per cent of their original policy's worth.

The remaining half are investment policyholders who will get "at least 75 per cent" of their investment back.

Mr Shore's Bill also gives the Policyholders' Protection Board powers to "facilitate the rehabilitation of a company" where it is *unable (in his department's view)* to meet its liabilities to protected policyholders.

In effect, this means shoring up a company before it reaches liquidation point, either by transferring its business to other companies or giving it financial assistance.



Mr Peter Shore: measures will not mean higher premiums.

Herein lies the cause of the head-on confrontation with the insurance industry, or at least with the British Insurance Association. Any consumer protection scheme, even one limited to private policyholders, must involve an increase in premiums if invoked, the BIA maintains. But using policyholders' funds to support companies in difficulty would mean the almost certain invoking of frequent calls on those funds.

In practice the private policyholders would be baling out commercial and industrial as well as overseas policyholders and commercial creditors and shareholders, too.

It is hard to argue with the industry case that the prime cause of insurance company failures in recent years has been the "marketing of contracts offering unrealistically generous terms", particularly single premium policies with guaranteed surrender values. These "extravagant" benefits will continue to be offered and they will continue to be taken up if there is provision to rescue companies offering them, the BIA says.

In the life field, holders of with-profit policies will in effect be underwriting without-profit policyholders' risks.

Mr Shore insists that the *company rescue provisions will* be used "sparingly" and with regard to the cost of such a rescue as against a liquidation. The crux of the situation for the consumer is whether he believes these assurances or whether a scheme limited to private policyholders rescue in liquidations, such as the BIA proposes, would better serve his interests.

The BIA has some strange bedfellows supporting its scheme. They include the TUC, certain Labour MPs and trades unions such as USDAW, and collectively they might yet carry the day.

Anthony Rowley

Taxation

## Generosity now costs something

**This is the first article in a new series explaining the Capital Transfer Tax.**

On Budget day, 1974, we were promised a gifts tax which was to take immediate effect. The terms were by no means defined but it was made clear that gifts made by a person during his or her lifetime were to be taxed as well as property of all sorts left behind on death. Now, a year later almost to the day, the Finance Act, 1975, has appeared in Her Majesty's bookshops, couched in the usual legal jargon beloved of parliamentary draftsmen, endeavouring to tell us all about it.

The new tax replaces estate duty and the reason estate duty has lost its political popularity is that it has, over the years, become more and more a voluntary tax. With a little foresight it was possible to keep the tax cost of dying down to a minimum. Even the simple method of giving assets away achieved this, provided the donor could live long enough (seven years) afterwards. This has been a great incentive in the struggle for survival to many a donor!

So, although the new tax is a replacing one, it is in part an additional tax as well. Where gifts are made during one's lifetime, after March 26, 1974, tax becomes payable. Under estate duty if the gift was made outside the seven-year period no tax would have been payable. If it had been made within seven years of death, tax certainly would have been chargeable, but only on death—*when it would have* been someone else's worry.

When announcing the new tax on March 26 last year, the Chancellor of the Exchequer referred to it as a gifts tax; but it has since been renamed "Capital Transfer Tax" (CTT). The original title was a little misleading because it goes rather further than taxing the more obvious type of gift. It brings into the net any "dispositions" which confer a gratuitous benefit.

For example, you might decide that, to avoid capital *transfer* tax, you will not give your son that valuable painting. You will sell it to him instead. And you might think that, provided you receive some sort of price for it, this will keep you out of the CTT net. Not so. The difference between open market value and sale proceeds will be treated as a gift.

You might wonder how the revenue could possibly assess market value in those cases where there is no ready market. Well, they have their ways, and are backed by an abundance of experience in dealing *with this problem* for capital gains tax and estate duty purposes.

There are safeguards for individuals who make quite genuine sales, even though in fact the proceeds are below market value, provided it can be shown that there was no intention to confer a gratuitous benefit—and provided it *is not a transaction* between near relatives and certain other "connected" persons.

Having said all this, it might be, of course, that the gift comes within one of a number of exemptions. For tax planning purposes it is important to understand the exemptions, and I will look at these next time.

As is to be expected, there are a number of "anti-avoidance" provisions, designed to catch transactions which in essence are gifts, but are dressed up to look like *something else*.

An important point not to be overlooked when considering the capital transfer tax is that a gift might attract capital gains tax as well. If it does so, *there is no relief* for this double taxation. Capital gains tax is, as its title suggests, a tax on the gain made in the *gifting* (or sale) of an asset, whereas CTT is a tax on the full value of the gift.

The exemptions from capital gains tax differ from those for CTT, save in one respect. Gifts to a spouse are free of both taxes without limit.

This is not the place to deal with capital gains tax in any detail; but in order to be aware of the circumstances in which both taxes might be levied on the same gift two points need to be made. Although a gift of cash is liable to CTT (unless within one of a few specified exemptions), it is entirely exempt from capital gains tax. Also, although the property you leave behind on death is liable to CTT, it does not attract capital gains tax.

In other words, both taxes will affect only a gift "*in specie*" made during your lifetime. The double impact of these two taxes can give rise to the problem: Should a gift "in specie" be made during the donor's lifetime or await his death? But more of this later in the series.

About the same time that a gifts tax was announced back in 1974 the proposed wealth tax was also receiving a great deal of publicity, and I know that a number of people have confused the two. A wealth tax is something quite different from—and additional to — the capital transfer tax. It will not become law before 1976, and is not expected to affect nearly as many people as the capital transfer tax.

Vera Di Palma

Insurance

## Third party cover at sea and ashore

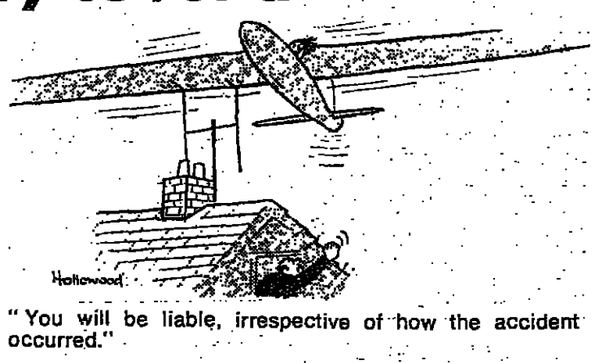
If, because of your negligence, somebody else is injured, he or she can claim compensation from you. Whether you happen to have insurance in force or not *is of no concern to the* injured person. If you were legally liable for the injury, you will have to pay up.

Often, however, there is some insurance to protect you. Where this is so, usually the insurers will handle all the legal negotiations for you, and will settle the final figure—provided, of course, it does not exceed the limit of indemnity in the policy.

For instance, if an accident occurs in or about the house, for which you are legally liable, your household insurance should cover you. The usual *procedure is for one's liability* as owner of the house to be covered by the policy applying to the buildings of the house, and for one's liability as occupier to be covered by the policy for the contents of the house.

In practice, a number of claims are made against the occupier when it might be thought that they should be directed against the owner. For example, some years ago, a dustman was walking down the garden path of an owner-occupied house when the drain cover over which he was walking collapsed. The dustman was injured and, after taking advice, he lodged a claim against the owner-occupier.

The owner-occupier owed a duty of care to the dustman as *occupier* of the house, and not as owner. Thus, although the house owner had a "buildings" policy in force, he was not protected by it. Had there been a normal policy on the contents of the house, it would have discharged the owner's liability to the dustman.



"You will be liable, irrespective of how the accident occurred."

What about accidents unconnected with the house? "Personal liablity insurance" is needed for them. Often, this insurance is included as a matter of course in a household policy. In some cases, however, one still has to ask for it to be added, in which event a modest *additional premium is charged*.

But, because the premium is quite low, the policy has a number of exclusions. These apply to, among other things, the ownership or occupation of land or premises (but, as mentioned, liabilities in connexion with a private house are covered by a householder's policy), one's business or profession (for which special policies are usually available) and the ownership of cars, boats or aircraft.

Anyone driving on the roads is obliged to have third party *cover in respect of liability for* personal injury or death of other road users, including passengers in the car.

As that insurance is compulsory, it is given as a matter of course in all motor policies. And there is no limit to the indemnity which will be provided. There is no problem of deciding the maximum amount for which to be insured.

But that difficulty does arise for those with boats or private aircraft. If you have a policy covering your boat (whatever type of boat it happens to be), check to see how much third party cover you have under it—for "passengers" (eg for friends who are crewing for you) and others.

In the past, it was customary for the third party limit of indemnity to be no more than the insured value of the boat, and that is still the position with a number of policies. Naturally, you should have higher cover, in view of the claims which could be made against you.

Many insurers, as a matter of course, now give quite high cover for third party claims. Nevertheless, the figure in the policy *may need* to be increased. While £25,000 may seem a substantial amount, it could prove to be inadequate.

An owner of a vessel may limit his liability after a collision to a figure of about £35 per net registered ton for property damage.

The figure in connexion with personal injury is just over £108 per net registered ton. But, to make sure that the limit will be *reasonable*, the law lays down that, in cases of death or personal injury, if a vessel has a net registered tonnage of less than 300, it is this figure which which must be taken as a minimum for the purpose of calculating the limit. That gives a total figure of about £32,500. But it does not necessarily follow that insurance cover for that amount would necessarily be adequate.

Private pilots—whether of aircraft or gliders—should have substantial third party insurance. In the first place, if you crash an aircraft on property you cannot stave off a claim by saying it was not your fault. You will be liable, irrespective of how the accident occurred.

Even though any premises, etc, which you may damage in coming down may be insured against aircraft, you would still be faced with the situation of those insurers meeting the claim made by their policy *holder* and then trying to make a recovery from you. So, although it is not compulsory to have any third party cover when flying, it would be most unwise to be without it.

Airline operators can limit their liability in respect of the injury or death of passengers under international conventions, although, since so many international limits are very low in today's terms, an increasing number of airlines, as part of their contract, limit their liability to a higher figure.

Normally, if you are a private pilot, and take up a passenger, there is no automatic limitation of liability which can be claimed. Unless, therefore, you make a specific agreement with a passenger beforehand (which will stand up in a court of law even if you have been killed in an accident), a substantial claim could be made against you or your estate, provided it can be proved that the accident occurred because of your negligence.

To a great extent, therefore, this is the same situation as when you take a pasenger in the car. But there is one important exception. As mentioned, you are obliged to insure your liability towards passengers in the car, and there is no limit to the *amount* which insurers may have to pay out. There is, however, no legal obligation to insure liability in respect of passengers in a private aircraft.

John Drummond

## Unit trust performance

**UNIT TRUSTS: Medium and Income funds (progress over one and three years). Unitholder Index 1,405.1; rise from December 31, 1974: 40.5%.**

**Average change offer to bid, income included, over last 12 months: −7.5%.**

**Average change offer to bid, income included, over last 3 years: −31.5%.**

| INCOME | A | B |
|---|---|---|
| Nat West Inc | 14.1 | −29.6 |
| M & G Dividend | 13.9 | −17.2 |
| Slater Walk Inc | 13.7 | −13.1 |
| Canlife Inc | 13.4 | — |
| Hill Sam Inc | 11.3 | −31.8 |
| *Drayton Inc* | 11.2 | −21.5 |
| Framlington Inc | 11.2 | −24.5 |
| GT Income | 10.9 | — |
| S & P Income | 9.4 | −28.9 |
| Trident Inc | 9.3 | −37.4 |
| Abbey Inc | 8.2 | — |
| Clyde High Inc | 8.1 | −15.0 |
| Lloyds Bank Third | 8.8 | −25.3 |
| Sebag Inc | 7.6 | — |
| Archway Inc F | 7.1 | −17.9 |
| Unicorn Ex Inc | 6.8 | — |
| Brandt Inc | 6.3 | −32.5 |
| Hill Sam High Yd | 5.7 | — |
| M & G Ex Yield | 5.4 | — |
| S & P. High Yd | 5.3 | −24.1 |
| Key Income | 4.4 | −34.6 |
| High Inc Prior | 4.0 | −32.9 |
| Slater Brit High Inc | 3.7 | — |
| Mutual High Yd | 3.3 | 10.7 |
| Unicorn Inc | 3.0 | −29.7 |
| Crescent High Distr | 2.2 | −30.3 |
| Allied Eq Inc | 1.5 | −29.6 |
| Henderson High Inc | 0.7 | −13.0 |
| Target Inc | 0.5 | −30.2 |
| Hambro Inc | 0.4 | −30.7 |
| Morgan Gren Inc | −0.3 | −16.4 |
| *Tyndall Inc M* | *−0.5* | *−35.9* |
| P & M Inc | −0.9 | −39.0 |
| Gartmore High Inc | −1.2 | — |
| Tyndall Natcom Inc F | −1.9 | −33.7 |
| S P Scotyields | −2.1 | −30.2 |
| Schro Inc F | −2.5 | −32.2 |
| Allied High Inc | −4.3 | −16.6 |
| S & P Ebor H Ret | −4.6 | −27.1 |
| Abacus Inc | −4.9 | −35.2 |
| S & P Scotinc | −6.1 | −36.7 |
| Nat High Inc | −6.7 | −12.1 |
| M & G Conv Inc | −6.8 | — |
| S & P Ebor Sel Inc F | −6.9 | — |
| Mutual Inc | −8.2 | −20.2 |
| Charthse Inc | −9.2 | −37.3 |
| Merlin High Yd | −9.6 | — |
| Brit Life Div | −9.9 | −36.1 |
| Slater Brit Inc | −10.8 | −20.5 |
| Ionian Inc M | −12.1 | −33.6 |
| Oceanic High Inc | −12.4 | −38.4 |
| *Slater Brit Ex Inc* | −14.3 | −20.1 |
| Bridge Talis Inc | −16.5 | −14.7 |
| Picca Ex Inc | −18.7 | −24.6 |

| MEDIUM | A | B |
|---|---|---|
| Gartmore Brit | 17.4 | — |
| Slater Walk Growth | 17.1 | −6.4 |
| Friends Prov | 12.5 | −36.0 |
| Stronghold Pri | 8.8 | −40.1 |
| Brit Life Bal | 8.4 | −26.0 |
| G and A | 7.7 | −29.3 |
| Nat West Growth | 7.7 | −21.8 |
| Colemco | 7.7 | — |
| Rowan Secs | 6.9 | — |
| Brown Shipley | 5.8 | −15.4 |
| Capital Pri | 3.6 | −39.1 |
| M & G Midland | 3.5 | −29.5 |
| Sebag Cap | 3.5 | — |
| Guardhill | 2.3 | −37.4 |
| Friars House M | 2.2 | — |
| *Hill Sami Sec* | 2.0 | −30.3 |
| Hill Sami Brit | 1.6 | −34.0 |
| Hill Sam Cap | 1.1 | −33.7 |
| L & C Unit Tst | 0.5 | — |
| Shenley | 0.4 | — |
| Brit Life | −0.1 | −31.1 |
| M & G Trustee | −0.2 | −29.3 |
| Pelican | −0.2 | −25.1 |
| Nat Scot-Units | −0.4 | −18.0 |
| Archway Can F | −0.6 | −34.5 |
| Ulster Bk Growth | −0.8 | −31.8 |
| Family Fund | −0.9 | −35.0 |
| Nelstar | −1.0 | −32.7 |
| *Nat Hundred* | −1.2 | −21.2 |
| Lloyds Bk Sec | −1.3 | −26.0 |
| Unicorn Cap | −1.4 | −37.8 |
| Lloyds Bk First | −1.5 | −38.2 |
| Quadrant F | −1.7 | — |
| Wisley Growth F | −1.7 | — |
| Unicorn '500' | −1.9 | −33.1 |
| Unicorn Gen | −2.2 | −17.0 |
| Prolific | −2.2 | −28.2 |
| Pearl Montagu | −2.4 | −30.8 |
| Buckingham | −2.4 | −21.2 |
| Henderson Inc As | −2.4 | −27.4 |
| Unicorn Trus | −2.5 | −43.0 |
| Hambro Fund | −2.6 | −36.2 |
| Target Consumer | −2.8 | −46.9 |
| Crescent Res | −3.2 | −38.1 |
| Equitas | −3.2 | −38.8 |
| Equity & Law | −3.3 | −32.3 |
| Target Equity | −3.6 | −39.9 |
| Wickmoor | −3.7 | — |
| *Nat Group Prov* | −3.8 | −40.6 |
| Fram Cap F | −4.0 | −38.2 |
| Klein Ben F | −4.0 | −22.3 |
| Canlife Gen | −4.4 | −25.1 |
| M & G Sec Gen | −4.4 | −15.9 |
| TSB Gen | −4.4 | −35.6 |
| BTF Second | −4.5 | −28.0 |
| Discret F | −4.7 | −33.0 |
| M & G Gen | −4.9 | −17.6 |
| Mut 'Blue Chip' | −5.3 | −29.3 |
| Leg & Gen | −5.4 | −30.3 |
| NPI Grow Accum F | −5.4 | −34.2 |

| | A | B |
|---|---|---|
| Merlin | −13.3 | −34.8 |
| Tyndall Canyngе | −13.3 | −44.6 |
| Nat Investors | −14.6 | −40.8 |
| Nat Invs Sec | −14.8 | −30.5 |
| Oceanic General | −15.0 | −52.9 |
| Key Private | −15.3 | — |
| Glen Fund | −15.4 | −43.6 |
| *S & P Scotshares* | −15.9 | −36.2 |
| Slat Brit Cap Grwth | −16.3 | −35.4 |
| National Comm | −16.3 | −22.9 |
| Emblem Fund F | −16.5 | −30.8 |
| National Shamrock | −16.8 | −25.1 |
| Great Winchester M | −17.3 | −49.7 |
| Ionian Growth F | −18.5 | −45.1 |
| *Tyndall Capital M* | −21.5 | −44.3 |
| Ariel | −21.6 | −50.6 |
| Cosmopolitan Grth | −22.0 | −62.9 |
| Iascot Sect Leads | −23.4 | −47.7 |
| Oceanic Growth | −23.8 | −58.6 |
| Bishopsgate Prog F | −26.3 | −43.0 |
| *Portfolio Growth* | −29.2 | −55.1 |
| *Private Portfolio* | −33.5 | −52.9 |

| | A | B |
|---|---|---|
| Stewart British | −5.6 | — |
| Allied Capital | −5.7 | −34.6 |
| Marlborough | −5.7 | — |
| Intel | −5.9 | 23.8 |
| Allied Gro & Inc | −6.1 | −33.6 |
| Prudential | −6.2 | −41.6 |
| Carlinl F | −6.3 | −24.3 |
| Cabot F | −7.1 | −37.2 |
| Abbey General | −7.2 | −34.3 |
| Target Thistle | −7.4 | −37.1 |
| National Domestic | −8.0 | −45.2 |
| S & P General | −8.1 | −40.4 |
| National Century | −8.3 | −27.5 |
| Schroder General | −8.5 | −43.6 |
| Allied First | −8.6 | −23.5 |
| National Consolid | −8.8 | −17.9 |
| National D | −9.2 | −33.0 |
| *Target Prefes* | −9.4 | −38.7 |
| Abacus Giants | −9.5 | −40.1 |
| Lloyds Life M | −10.2 | — |
| S & P Elnor Gen | −10.2 | −48.3 |
| Electrical & Indus | −10.4 | −32.3 |
| Trades Union | −10.9 | −37.3 |
| Piccadilly Inc Gro | −11.0 | −17.2 |
| National Security | −11.2 | −31.6 |
| Minster | −11.6 | −45.8 |
| Clyde General | −12.0 | −35.1 |
| Barbican | −12.2 | −44.4 |
| Slater Brit General | −12.8 | −41.3 |
| Mut Sec Plus | −13.3 | −33.4 |

*A: Change over one year offer to bid net income re-invested*
*B: Change over three years offer to bid net income re-invested*
*Both taken to April 10, 1975.*
*M: Trust valued monthly*
*F: Trust valued every two weeks*
**Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2.**


INTERIM STATEMENT

Linread LIMITED

INTERIM REPORT – HALF YEAR TO JANUARY 1975

- Group Trading Profit and Income, before depreciation and loan interest, 12% lower than the record level of the corresponding period.
- Improved contribution to Trading Profit and Income by all units in U.K. except *Commercial Products Division and Linfast.*
- Strong recovery by Aircraft Products Division and substantial advance by Linread-Fabco.
- General uncertainties make forecasting particularly difficult but if these do not prove too unfavourable *Trading Profit and Income for the year* should be not less than £1,000,000. With depreciation and interest at £500,000 attributable earnings would be not less than £260,000.

| SUMMARY OF RESULTS (£'000) | JAN. 1975 | JAN. 1974 |
|---|---|---|
| External Sales | 4,353 | 3,314 |
| Trading Profit and Unfranked Income | 445 | 502 |
| Profit before tax and Extraordinary Items | 196 | 294 |
| Attributable earnings | 108 | 153 |
| Basic earnings per share (4,605,668 Shares) | 2.25p | 3.18p |

Manufacturers of
"POZIDRIV" AND "TAPTITE" SCREWS, AIRCRAFT BOLTS AND RIVETS
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Round-up

## New annuities for homes

City of Westminster Assurance has added yet another new product to its expanding range. This time it is the novel Houseowners Unit-Linked Income Plan.

It is a conventional home income plan (unlike City of Westminster's existing plan which is based upon the effective sale of the property to the company) with one large difference: the annuity payments are linked to the company's property annuity fund.

What this means is that rather than there being a fixed income out of the mortgage taken out on your house—the usual system—the income is geared to the rise in property values, or, indeed, the fall in property values.

It is a bold concept, but the public in the past has not been enamoured with unit-linked annuities. Whether they are ready for them now is another matter.

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Investor's week

# Market eyes sterling • Midland-Yorkshire

Last week's fall in sterling contributed to an uncertain performance in the gilt-edged market and left equities with little to do but keep their heads down until the Budget is out of the way. The FT index, at 295.5 last night, was barely changed over the week.

Good trading results from GKN, Bowater and Marks & Spencer had little overall effect. Rights and other issues, meanwhile, continued to mop up institutional cash, with the £100m plus of equity offers that closed last week appearing to receive a far more favourable response than the £75m loan issue by the GLC.

A neutral Budget seems to be the general expectation in the City and the market will probably be happy enough if that is in fact what Mr Healey proposes. But if he opts for any significant reflation, this will almost certainly lead to pressure on sterling and gilts.

Last week's fall in gold shares has not changed a generally bullish view of the prospects for the bullion price and United States investors are reported to have been buyers of gold shares in London.

*Croda International may yet have to pay more than the £8.1m, or 360p a share, for Midland-Yorkshire Holdings which bid near the end of last month.*

*Just a fortnight ago it looked as if the game was over before really began. Croda astutely bought the British Gas Corporation 32.6 per cent stake in its target to add to its existing 5.6 per cent holding.*

*That Gas Corporation stake was originally intended for shoppers of Pittsburgh, who agreed to buy it only if no bid was made for Midland-Yorkshire in the meantime.*

*Next week should see the formal Croda offer and Midland-Yorkshire has already moved to counter it. It has engaged Hill, Samuel to act on its behalf, and, once the Croda document is out, we should speedily get a formal reply making several points.*

*First, Midland-Yorkshire will stress that it is no longer a tar distiller—save in a small way—but in the fashionable speciality chemical business. It will dismiss its 10-year record as irrelevant, and point out that growth now depends on making ingredients for weed-killers, disinfectants, such as Dettol, and drugs, including the new rheumatism-fighter, Brufen.*

*Second, it hopes to point out that shareholdings friendly to the board (assuming, that is, the bid is not raised) are poised to overtake Croda's own.*

*Among the institutional holders of Midland-Yorkshire are the National Coal Board and Britannic Assurance. Another holder is speciality chemical company Robinson Brothers (Rylers Green) which has just topped up its stake to 13.3 per cent (at 400p a share), and once provided Midland-Yorkshire with its chairman.*

*Thirdly, it should discuss current profits cheerfully, supported by figures showing that they trebled in the six months to September 30. The directors have already promised shareholders a dividend increase for the year to last month from 13.125p gross a share to 40p.*

*Finally, the directors seem bound to report that its research chemists and much of the workforce are bitterly opposed to the bid. It has already gone to the Office of Fair Trading and Midland-Yorkshire's application to the office was taken by local workfolk in a mini-bus on Thursday.*

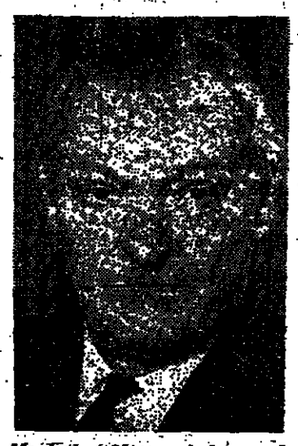
*If Midland-Yorkshire and its chemist chairman, Doctor "Dick" Wallsgrove, who set up the group's research department, can hold their institutional line together, Croda may have to go up to 450p a share.*

*Yesterday good buying lifted Midland's shares by 24p to 393p.*

## Bill Taylor buys Reckitt & Colman

enthusiastic, sceptical and apprehensive are all accurate descriptions of Bill Taylor's present frame of mind as he contemplates the present stock market scene, with nemesis of some sort possible on Tuesday. He thinks that on fundamentals the equity market is probably too high and still expects some leading companies to reveal extremely poor trading results. Just as well, he thinks, that Chrysler (UK) is not a quoted entity after its £17m loss for last year. The present level of prices admittedly reflects the usual pre-Budget lethargy, but Bill rather thinks that the number of deals next Wednesday may be more heavily biased towards selling rather than buying, especially if the Chancellor does not do enough to ease corporate liquidity or opts for any substantial degree of reflation.

Any stimulus to the house-building sector would, of course, help his investment in Rush & Tompkins. But Unisel has been caught out by the lack of interest in gold, after the retreat in United States interest rates. His expectation that in June or July there could be a reversal, pushing the metal price back on to the upward trend, still holds good, and he looks for a price initially of more than $185 around then and over $200 fairly soon afterwards. But what does he do on Monday morning? He has agreed with the idea of an option many taken out now would cover the proposed referendum vote which will prove a watershed irrespective of the result. The way will, however, be clearer next month once the full implications of the Budget have sunk in.



Mr Arthur Mason, chairman of Reckitt & Colman: a high level of overseas earnings.

An alternative is an overseas hedge, particularly of those stocks which do not incur the dollar premium and are largely or, better still, totally immune from the vagaries of the United Kingdom industrial scene. Paradoxically, if such a share can be found, not only is it almost certain to benefit (relatively, anyway) from a relapse in United Kingdom industrial equities but also gain if the market adopts a more confident tone next week.

The danger lies in the consideration that there may be yet further imposts upon overseas income, although this is a risk Bill is prepared to take.

The most obvious selection would be in the mining sector, but Bill wants to preserve a fairly wide spread. One share he has always liked, partly because its products are largely household essentials, is Reckitt & Colman.

Admittedly, at the interim stage, the chairman was rather discouraging about prospects for the remainder of 1974, but Bill is looking for an improvement in pre-tax profits—due to be announced next Thursday—from £29.2m to around the £33m mark. Of this, after allowing for interest payments—these should be a little less than first seemed likely—nearly 80 per cent will be earned overseas, with the impetus coming largely from North America and Africa. The Australian subsidiary has already reported a 15 per cent improvement.

A purchase of 200 shares at around 265p will be made on Monday morning. This will leave Bill with about £520 of profit still left to be added to his original £5,000 stake.

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BILL TAYLOR'S PORTFOLIO: PROGRESS SO FAR

| Purchase | Quantity | Date | Buying price | Present price | Profit* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unisel | 500 | 17/2/75 | 295p | 250p | (276) |
| Rush & Tompkins | 1,000 | 17/3/75 | 41p | 38½p | (40) |
| | | | | Realized profit to date | 1,078 |
| * After costs | | | | | 782 |

Motor insurance

# If the car is a 'write-off'

your car should be badly damaged in an accident, you may feel that you would never want to drive it again. You would like the insurers to take the car (for what it is worth) and for them to hand over enough money for you to buy a comparable replacement.

Unfortunately, you will not necessarily get your way. As a result, you may have to wait some weeks, without a car, while your own is repaired. Of course, once the car is back in your possession, you are quite free to trade it in if you wish. But, remember that a dealer has to make his "turn" and you will lose out—unless, of course, you would, in any event, have been trading in the car at about that time.

In practice, if a car has had major repair work carried out (provided it has been of a high standard), its post-repair value may very well be higher than its pre-accident value.

Normally, a motor policy has a clause along the lines that payment may be made, at the insurer's option, either for the cost of repair, reinstatement, replacement, or by cash for the amount of the loss or damage agreed with the policy holder but not exceeding the market value at the time of the loss or damage.

There are variations. For instance, a few insurers will still give an agreed value, often charging a slightly higher premium. In this event, the value is agreed between the insurers and the policy holder at the start of each policyyear. In the event of total loss, it is this value which will be paid, irrespective of the market value of the car at the time of the accident.

As a half-way measure, some insurers say that, for the first few months in the life of a new car, should the cost of repair, reinstatement or replacement exceed 50 per cent of the list price, the policy holder can choose to have the car replaced by a new car of the same model and make.

There appears to be no legal definition of a total loss in the field of motor insurance, but insurers generally take this to apply when either the owner is deprived of it, or it is completely destroyed or so damaged as to lose its identity. But, understandably, an insurance company will treat a car as a total loss (known as a constructive total loss in marine insurance) only if it is extensively damaged and the cost of the repair would equal or exceed its pre-accident market value less its salvage value in its damaged state.

In practice, it is not always easy for an insurance company to estimate exactly how much extensive repairs will cost. But it is up to the insurance company to decide whether to pay for the repairs or pay cash in lieu. Having made the decision, an insurance company cannot reverse it without the policy holder's permission. And so, if a company decides to repair, it is obliged to carry on, even though the final cost may be higher than had been expected.

Most policies still give holders the final word as to where repairs are to be carried out. Generally, however, it is best to fall in with an insurer's wishes about who is to repair the car. This applies particularly in the case of major repairs.

During the past few years insurers have been interesting themselves to a much greater extent in the repair facilities which are available and they have been encouraging repairers to improve techniques. They now know which repairers are best suited to handle different types of work. An insurer is not concerned solely with the price charged, but in getting a good job of work done for a fair price.

If an insurance company decides to settle a claim on the basis of a total loss, even though the car still has some value and, ultimately, probably will be repaired, its obligations end when it pays the pre-accident market value of the car—although there can be plenty of argument about that. It is entitled to take the damaged car as salvage. It can then sell it and retain the proceeds.

It is no longer necessary for the log book of a car to contain any reference to the fact that it has been "written off" by an insurance company. Even when there was such a scheme in existence, naturally badly damaged cars were sold by individuals who did not have any insurance in force.

Just because a car which was written off by an insurance company has subsequently been rebuilt it does not necessarily mean that it is a death trap. In many cases, comparatively new cars can be rebuilt to high safety standards. As an example, the insurance industry has its own repair research centre at Thatcham where total losses are rebuilt to very high standards. Often there is a waiting list of people wishing to buy these cars. In view of the extensive checks, in many ways they can be safer than new cars.

A very tiresome habit adopted by many insurers—of which there is usually no mention in their policies—is that, after a total loss has been paid, the policy is cancelled, and the replacement car must be the subject of a fresh policy, for which a further 12 months' premium must be paid. The argument—not particularly strong—is that the cover has been "used up". On the other hand, a series of repairs could be carried out during the year totalling more than the value of the car, and there would be no question of automatic termination of the policy.

Nor can it really be argued that fresh insurance is needed since it is a different car, as no problems arise when a car is sold and replaced by another.

Not all companies take that line. Not long ago, the Provincial came out into the open. It said that in a total loss settlement insurance is conditional upon the suspension of the cover under the policy; the certificate of insurance also must be returned. The policy holder may then substitute a vehicle without the need for a new policy.

If the period between the total loss and the addition of the new vehicle is at least four weeks, a pro rata return will be calculated on the last net premium. That seems fair, and one hopes that others will follow suit.

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# Overseas jolt and destocking puts Bond Worth on slide

By Ashley Druker

Tougher going overseas, consumer resistance and massive destocking combined to slice profits of Bond Worth Holdings in the opening half to December 28 from £1.61m to £845,000 pre-tax, in spite of turnover climbing from £37.6m to £40.9m.

The home market remained buoyant but for the "wrong" reasons—inflation keeping up purchasing power. But results for the final phase should be better, says Mr John Murray, chairman of this carpets, rugs and furniture group, in which Courtaulds recently raised its stake to nearly 23 per cent. The shares stayed unchaged at 43p.

The "available" dipped from £1.13m to £808,000, and the interim payment is a same-again 2.5p. Finance charges rose from £820,000 to £1.22m.

By December, bank borrowing was already some £500,000 lower than in June, and charges should be much lower in the current half.

Generally, profits were more difficult to earn abroad. The Australian end made a loss of £79,000 against a profit of £229,000, while Germany yielded continuing losses in the retail group with an adverse swing of £80,000, and in Ireland by some £108,000.

On the brighter side, wholesale distribution did well as did the traditional carpet manufacturing sector, though the tufted division had a less happy experience. Against this, furniture had a "very frustrating" and unprofitable time with a retreat from a profit of £175,000 to a loss of £27,000. Chiefly blamed is the unexpected delay in bringing the new plant at Letchworth on stream.

# Morgan-Grampian to sell development properties

The Morgan-Grampian publishing group is to dispose of almost all its development properties to Imperial Life Assurance of Canada. The properties are held in two subsidiaries, MG Securities and MG Property, which are 24 per cent owned by Imperial Life.

Morgan says that as a result of the transactions all the freehold properties held for development will have been sold, borrowings will have been substantially reduced by the redemption of debentures and the total of net cash received will be £2.2m. The main terms of the transaction are that Imperial will pay £3.1m cash for all the freehold properties held by MGS who will redeem £5.35m of debentures advanced by Imperial to purchase the properties from the parent and to finance development. The redemption will cost £2.3m.

Imperial will arrange for the repayment to the parent of its outstanding loan to MGP of £1.2m and MG will buy Imperial's stake in MGS. Imperial will purchase M-G's 76 per cent holding in MGP, both purchases being for nominal considerations.

# Stanwood Radio loss

Short-term finance charges up from £463,000 to £661,000 and depreciation on rental equipment of £1.52m (£1.42m) left Stanwood Radio with a pre-tax loss of £220,000 last year. The comparative profit was £204,000 and before the deductions the trading profit was £2.05m, against £2.18m. The dividend is passed (1.1p).

The company says first quarter turnover this time was about one-third higher, but as part of this may be attributable to pre-Budget spending no forecast will be made until the Chancellor's plans are known. Government controls severely restricted the company's television rental and hire-purchase business throughout 1974, but cash sales increased substantially.

# John Finlan slump accelerates to loss

Turning in record profits a year of £675,000 pre-tax, Widnes-based industrial builders, designers and contractors John Finlan came badly unstuck in 1974 with a slide into the red, besides passing a dividend (against 7.2p). In the first six months profits dipped from £77,000 to £14,000, and for the full term retreated into a loss of £197,000 pre-tax on turnover down from £3.69m to £2.88m. The loss per share amounts to 4.2p compared with a gain of 11.4p. In the meantime, complexities of proposed legislation rule out any forecast on 1975.

Elsewhere, the Greater Manchester Council Planning Committee is now backing the application for change of use to industrial on the company's 118 acres of land at Middleton.



Mr Norman Quick, chairman of H. & J. Quick.

## Aberthaw closes 18pc down

Profits more than halved at midway (from £603,000 to £242,000 pre-tax), Aberthaw & Bristol Channel Portland Cement pulled up strongly in the second leg to finish 18 per cent down at £896,000 pre-tax for 1974.

The interim slide was attributed to a steep rise in the cost of materials, a fall in sales, and delays in price rises. From end-June results began to show a marked upswing, and after another price rise in September the board looked to a big second-half improvement, subject to the depressed state of the building industry.

Turnover for 1974 was up from £9.4m to £9.8m on which net profit fell from £511,000 to £332,000, while earnings a share work out at 13.06p (14.66p). The dividend is unchanged.

## Law Land says office demand still buoyant

Estimating that rent increases in 1975 from lifting of restrictions will be some £500,000 gross, Law Land Co in its annual report, says this will be largely absorbed by interest on finance for new developments. Generally, demand for London offices and industrial premises in London and the South-East area remains buoyant, and is likely to continue so.

Mentioning that it is necessary to reappraise activities overseas, the board has confidence in property and investment in Australia and Belgium in the long term. Profits in 1975 will arise mainly from investment income, with trading contributing substantially less than in recent years.

## Mild decline in Nestlé profits

Vevey, Switzerland, April 11. —Nestlé Alimentana, the world's biggest food combine, has reported a 7.5 per cent fall in group net profit to 742m Swiss francs (£125.8m) from 805m francs.

Group operating profit at 1,445m francs (1,445m francs) represents 8.7 per cent of turnover (8.9 per cent), the small decline resulting mainly from increased production costs.

Group turnover rose 1.2 per cent to 16,624m francs (16,420m). The company said that without exchange rates movements, turnover would have risen by around 18 per cent.

changed for 1974 at 65 f on increased capital.

Unilac Incorporated, which covers Nestlé's interests in the Western world and the Pacific area, excluding the United States, raised its net profit to $23m from $16.1m.—Reuter.

## Epicure omit interim

Losses have continued at the London-based Epicure Holdings—which runs and supplies hotels and restaurants and there is no interim dividend for shareholders.

Turnover went down from £688,500 to £794,000, while a taxable profit of £23,000 was turned into a loss of £45,000.

The board explains that most of the loss is attributable to the Caprice Restaurant, which was closed on January 4 because of adverse trading conditions.

## Quick payout cut after late rally

After the first-half collapse of profits from £206,000 to £62,000, the H. & J. Quick group of vehicle dealers had a better second half with £115,000, against £127,000 a year earlier.

But it still ended the year with a drop in profits from a record £333,500 to £177,000 and the board has trimmed the dividend from 1.51p to 1.05p gross out of earnings a share reduced from 4.38p to 3.22p. Turnover was level at £19m.

Profits are given after deducting £73,000 arising from the acquisition and subsequent closing down of two garage operations.

## Horace Cory jumps

Chemical colour manufacturers Horace Cory & Co pushed up profits for 1974 by some 50 per cent to a best-ever £292,000 pre-tax on turnover up from £1.05m to £1.35m. The "attributable" moved from £96,000 to £140,000, while the dividend is raised from 0.85p to 0.96p. At half-time profits were 11 per cent ahead, with sales continuing high.

## C H Industrials

Although the CH Industrials group of motor accessory makers achieved a record interim profit of £235,000, the second half was, as forecast, weaker and the year has ended with a fall in taxable profits from a peak of £443,000 to £348,000. This was in spite of a rise in turnover from £4m to £5.09m. The dividend is raised from 2.47p to 2.5p.

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS
Board says that earnings a share for 1974 have been incorrectly calculated by company and should be 10.67p a share (and not 10.82p).

ASHWORTH & STEWARD
Turnover for half year, £1.29m (£1.39m). Taxable profit, £101,000 (£293,000).

LYNDALE ENG.
Consideration for purchase of assets of Maley & Taunton has been agreed at £145,000.

LEYLAND MOTOR AUSTRALIA
Operating loss, $23.58m (loss $8.45m) for 1974. Shareholders funds, deficit $2.18m (credit $33.03m).

MACE RAINBOW & STONE
Again no dividend. Losses for 1974, £11,000 (profit £39,000.)

COLMORE INV
Maurice James Holdings has purchased 20 per cent of company for £110,000.

BEAUFORD GROUP
Turnover for 1974, £3.3m (2.3m) Net profit, £94,000 (£155,000). Dividend is 3.8p (3.75).

HARTLEY BAIRD
Board has agreed to sell its Tenplas subsidiary for £120,000 cash.

MALIT SECURITIES
Offer to by Park Yorkshire Holdings has been accepted by holders of 94 per cent of equity and is now unconditional.

# Esso anxiety on North Sea

Esso Petroleum Co is concerned about the impact on its future prospects of the uncertainties besetting the oil industry in Britain says Mr A. W. Pearce, chairman. In his annual report he said the industry's situation was complicated by the Government's proposal to form a State-owned oil company, "with ill-defined responsibilities".

The Government had also put forward "a vague concept" of State participation in offshore oil concessions, which "were granted and accepted in good faith on a basis which is no longer applicable".

There was therefore a situation of confusion and uncertainty, making planning a hazardous and unrewarding activity with no longer any certainty that the oil which would be discovered and produced by its efforts in the North Sea would be handled in the equipment the company built for the purpose.

"The impact of this uncertainty upon the future prospects for the company and our employees gives us considerable concern", he stressed. Because of the big fall-off in demand for its products the company had 25 per cent spare capacity at the year-end.

Stock markets

# Long-dated gilts still in retreat

The stock market continued to trade cautiously ahead of the Budget. Gilts again turned in a mixed performance—the shorts holding firm but the long easier once again. Turnover in equities remain thin, and recorded bargains totalled only 5,566. The FT index ended 1.1 up at 295.5, following a slightly harder tone in the leading industrials in the final hour of trading.

Short-dated Government stocks managed to log up another small advance, while long-dated issues continued in retreat. In quiet and inactive trading losses of an ½ to ¾ point were sufered by "longs" and "mediums". However, money still appeared to be "coming off the street", and "shorts" again benefitted from this movement, although to a less marked extent than on Thursday.

By the close "shorts" showed scattered rises of an ½ to ¾ point. One of the main features of the day was the new GLC stock (£75m of 12¼ per cent, 7 years) which was quoted at a discount of between ¼ and 1, colsing at ¾ point discount.

In the equity market, many share prices continued to respond to this week's list of company announcements. In their ex-rights form, shares in Tube Investments dipped to 214p (after 216p), while the "rights" themselves were at a premium of 25p. On the same pitch, Babcock & Wilcox (at 92p) were again a firm spot as the market responded to the profits news and move to sell off the German associate to Iran.

A flurry of buying lifted shares in BLMC to 8½p, the best GKN, a major supplier to the motor trade, closed a few pence easier at 210p.

One of the few sections to take up a fresh stance ahead of the Budget were tobaccos. Several brokers are warning their clients that Tuesday could bring a further rise in tobacco duty. Shares in Bats (298p), Rothmans International (24p) and Imps (59p) shaded lower.

But ICI (220p), Bowater (118p), Courtaulds (108p) and Unilever (335p) closed at or near to overnight levels after a nervy if thin day's trade.

A feature elsewhere were shares in Midland-Yorkshire Holdings, after the board's firm rejection of bid terms from Croda International, together with a promise of an updated profits estimaae and a further dividend payment.

Financial shares were quietly firm, with insurance issues finding takers.

In oils, Burmah Oil dipped to a low of 34p after press disclosure of the prediction that tanker losses could finally total £317m by the end of 1982. BP (343p) were steady but Shell dipped 10p to 222p.

Gold shares started well but drifted down later as buying support failed. But final losses in most producers were restricted to 50p or so. President Steyn unchanged at £17¼ found buyers at the close.

*Shares in Selection Trust put on 20p to 515p after a review in the investment press of the group's base metal deposits in Canada.*

Equity turnover on April 10, £42.1m (12,292 bargains). Active stocks yesterday according to Exchange Telegraph were ICI, Burmah Oil, Tubes new, Thorn "A", Midland Bank new, Cons Goldfield new, Shell, Plessey, Beecham and Babcock & Wilcox.

## Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

| Company (and par values) | Ord div | Year ago | Pay date | Year's total | Prev year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberthaw & Bristol (25p) Fin | 7.46 | 7.46 | — | 7.46 | 7.46 |
| Beauford Gp (10p) Fin | 2.5 | 2.5 | 29/5 | 3.8 | 3.75 |
| Brit Empire (£1) Int | 0.21 | 0.20 | 7/5 | — | 0.73 |
| CH Industrials (10p) Fin | 1.74 | 1.74 | — | 2.5 | 2.47 |
| Epicure (5p) Int | Nil | 0.12 | — | — | 0.12 |
| Horace Cory (5p) Fin | 0.64 | 0.58 | 14/5 | 0.96 | 0.85 |
| John Finlan (10p) Fin | Nil | 4.7 | — | Nil | 7.2 |
| Meru Group (5p) Int | 0.43 | 0.39 | 1/7 | 0.43 | 0.39 |
| H. & J. Quick (5p) Fin | 0.54 | 0.78 | — | 1.05 | 1.31 |
| Stanwood Radio (10p) Fin | Nil | 0.57 | — | Nil | 1.09 |
| Bond Worth (25p) Int | 2.5 | 2.5 | 23/7 | — | 3 |

## Brokers' views

The calmness with which the City awaits what is generally expected to be a "neutral Budget" is well reflected in the week's batch of investment views.

Expectations in the stock market of a public sector net borrowing requirement of as much as £8,000m are referred to by both Simon & Coates and Rowe & Pitman. But the two differ in prediction of reaction in the gilt-edged market to such news. Rowe & Pitman thinks it likely that gilts will take fright if the borrowing requirement is at the top end of the range. But Simon thinks such a possibility is well discounted.

Phillips & Drew agrees with several other stockbrokers in predicting a mildly deflationary Budget, with moves to channel income from the personal sector to companies. The likelihood of higher duty on tobacco, cigarettes and perhaps petrol is also expected by a number of sources.

Against last week's trend in the gold share market, Sternberg, Thomas Clarke recommends that any equity portfolio should include perhaps 15 per cent in gold shares. It favours Consolidated Goldfields, Charter Consolidated and Selection Trust, or among the producers, Western Areas, East Driefontein.


INTERIM STATEMENT

BOND WORTH
HOLDINGS LIMITED
INTERIM STATEMENT

Six months ended 28th December, 1974

| | Six months to 28th December, 1974 £ | Six months to 29th December, 1973 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Turnover | 40,866,000 | 37,567,000 |
| Operating Profit | 2,337,000 | 2,688,000 |
| Depreciation | 268,000 | 255,000 |
| Trading Profit | 2,069,000 | 2,433,000 |
| Finance Charges | 1,224,000 | 820,000 |
| Profit before Taxation | 845,000 | 1,613,000 |
| Associated Companies | — | 1,000 |
| | 845,000 | 1,614,000 |
| Taxation | 33,000 | 475,000 |
| | 812,000 | 1,139,000 |
| Minority Interest | (4,000) | (10,000) |
| Profit available for Distribution | 808,000 | 1,129,000 |

As anticipated in my statement circulated with the Annual Report and Accounts, the first half of the current year was one in which turnover continued to increase, but profits were lower. Although trading profit (£2,069,000) was up by 9½% (£198,000) on the previous six months (£1,871,000) it was down by 15% (£364,000) on the same period last year (£2,433,000). Profit before taxation (£845,000) was down only 15% (£145,000) on the previous six months (£990,000) but was 48% (£768,000) down on the same period last year (£1,613,000). The major distortion in these figures was caused by the growth in increasingly costly borrowing which was caused primarily by the uncontrolled scramble for scarce raw materials which occurred in the first half of 1974, owing to external economic circumstances outside our control, the consequences of which peaked during the period under review. By December, however, bank borrowing was already some £500,000 lower than in June and with this trend continuing, and falling interest rates, we expect finance charges to be significantly lower during the current six months.

Profits were more difficult to achieve overseas, where tough anti-inflationary policies have produced high unemployment, reduction in consumer spending and massive destocking within the distribution system. Our Australian company, as anticipated, had a particularly difficult time, swinging adversely £308,000 from profits of £229,000 in the same period last year to a loss of £79,000. £133,000 of this loss was an automatic consequence of the devaluation of the Australian dollar. Germany, with consumer demand screwed down by Government policy, yielded continuing losses in our retail group with an adverse swing of £80,000. Our companies in Ireland, with inflation rampant and a continuing political situation hardly conducive to consumer confidence, swung adversely by £109,000.

The home market, again as anticipated, remained buoyant, albeit for the wrong reasons. Inadequately controlled inflation kept purchasing power up. Our wholesale distribution division did well, as did our traditional carpet manufacturing sector. The tufted sector had a less satisfactory experience, partly owing to widespread distress selling of frustrated exports but even more owing to desperate competition developing in printed tufted, as more and more excess capacity came on stream. Happily we did not invest significantly in this system of pattern production but the consequences of excess capacity in any sector invariably have some adverse repercussions in prices in general.

The furniture division had a very frustrating and unprofitable time, with an adverse swing of £202,000 from a profit in the same period last year of £175,000 to a loss of £27,000. This poor result was caused, very largely, by unexpected delays in bringing the extensive and complex new automated plant at Letchworth on stream. During the period also a disastrous fire gutted our new upholstery factory at Highworth. None of these problems was made any more palatable by the fact that we badly needed the production to satisfy sales demand.

Overall results for the current six months should be better. We obtained record orders at the Frankfurt International Fair and export markets in general are beginning to recover. The tufted carpet manufacturing sector is showing promise, the traditional carpet manufacturing sector continues to maintain excellent results, the wholesale division is making its usual steady contribution to profit and the furniture division, with a record order book and a production line now beginning to flow according to plan, should make profits of about £250,000 during this period.

We propose to pay an interim dividend of 1.675p (same) per share for the half year ended 28th December, 1974. The dividend will be paid on 23rd July, 1975 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 20th June, 1975.

11th April, 1975. JOHN T. MURRAY, Chairman.

# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

## Commodities

### Cocoa closes £19 lower

**COCOA** futures staged a partial rally in mid-afternoon yesterday on short-covering and associated support.

*Sentiment was influenced* by the latest Dutch grindings returns, which were slightly higher in March against March, 1974, and only fractionally down on the first quarter compared with the first quarter of 1974.

But the recovery was short-lived as speculative liquidation and stop-loss selling came forcefully in to push nearby May to limit-down at 16.05 hours.

Dealers said fundamentals had once again taken over. The market closed for the customary 30 minutes, to reopen at 16.35 hours.

Nearby May came under further pressure during the final-limit-down call but rallied in last-minute trading. Similar action took place in other positions which all finished modestly above the day's "lows" due to weekend short-covering.

The overall tone, however, was barely steady. On-balance losses ranged from £19.00 (nearby May) to £4.00 per tonne.

**COCOA** (Special call incorporating closing call).—May, £589.0-90.0; July, £[illegible]0-30.0; Sept, £565.0-66.0; New Dec, £560.0-68.0; March, £562.5-63.5; May, £560.0-60.5; July, £557.0-57.5. Sales, 3,982 lots, including 11 options.

**COPPER.**—Cash wire bars fell by £7.00 yesterday, while three months were £7.75 lower. The closing tone was steady at the lower level. Cash cathodes closed £9.50 cheaper, while three months were £10.00 down. Tone: *inactive*.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £553-54.00 a metric ton; three months, £570.50-71.00. Sales, 3,325 tons. Cash cathodes, £549.50-44.00; three months, £560.50-61.00. Sales, 25 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £558-59.00; *three months*, £576.50-77.00. Settlement, £559.00. Sales, 4,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £546-47.00; three months, £564-65.00. Settlement, £547.00. Sales, 1,025 tons.

**SILVER** was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 176.90p a troy *ounce* (United States cents equivalent, 418.2); three months, 181.10p (425.0c); six months, 186.10p (439.3c); one-year, 197.30p (463.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 176.2-76.5p; three months, 180.3-80.5p; seven months, 185.5-85.0p. Sales, 46 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 176.8-77.0p; three months, 180.8-81.0p; seven months, 185.5-86.5p. Settlement, 177.0p. Sales, 17 lots.

**TIN.**—Standard metal was steady. High-grade closed steady. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,065-66 a metric ton; three months, £3,032-35. Sales, 95 tons. High grade, cash, £3,065-06; three months, £3,032-35. Sales, 235 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,008-[illegible]; three months, £3,035-40. Settlement, £3,009. Sales, 401 tons. High grade, cash, £3,010-12; three months, £3,035-45. Settlement, £3,012. Sales, 15 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, S$1,053 a picul.

**LEAD.**—Cash metal fell by £5.75 yesterday, while three months closed £5.25 lower. Tone: quiet and barely steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £199-200.00 a metric ton; three months, £194-95.00. Sales, 300 tons. Morning.—Cash, £202-2.50; three months, £196.50-97.00. Settlement, £202.50. Sales, 3,125 tons.

**ZINC** closed quiet and barely steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £328.00-28.50 a metric ton; three months, £325-25.50. Sales, 375 tons. Morning.—Cash, £330.50-31.00; three months, £326.25-26.50. Settlement, £330.00. Sales, 775 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

**PLATINUM** fell by 25p yesterday to £90.50-92.50 ($213-218) a troy ounce.

**JUTE** quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, April/May, £213.00. Bangladesh white "D" grade, April/May, £204.00 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, April/May, Rs330. Dundee Daisee, April/May, Rs390 per bale of 400lb.

**WOOL.**—Greasy futures were steady.—May, 135.0-39.5p per kilo; July, 150.0-62.0p; Oct, 163.0-65.0p; Dec, 165.0-68.0p; March, 171.0-73.0p; May, 173.5-75.0p; July, 175.0-77.0p; Oct, 177.0-78.0p. Sales: three lots.

Bradford, April 11.—Prices were again dearer at the auction of overseas wools, the official reports said. Strong competition from the home trade and imported interest from the Continent resulted in an excellent clearance of the offering.

Greasy fine crossbred fleece rose 5 to 7½ per cent, crossbred fleece shears and skirtings gained 5 per cent and lambs were par at 2½ per cent dearer.

**RUBBER** closed slightly easier.—May, 27.10-27.50p per kilo; June, 27.15-27.90p; July-Sept, 28.45-28.40p; Oct-Dec, 29.65-29.75p; Jan-March, 30.75-30.80p; April-June, 31.55-31.65p; July-Sept, 33.15-32.40p; Oct-Dec, 33.70-33.85p; Jan-March, 35.25-35.40p. Sales: 110 lots at 15 tonnes each, including two options.

**RUBBER PHYSICALS** were dull.—Spot, 26.00-27.50p. Cifs: May, 25.75-26.00p; June, 26.25-26.75p.

**COFFEE.**—Yesterday afternoon, Robusta futures continued to sag influenced by United States futures with further tired long-liquidation on dealer-account providing the main feature.

Modest shortcovering and pre-weekend bootsquaring lifted values off the "lows" but the close was hesitant at £4.0 to £8.0 lower on balance. Turnover showed a marked improvement over recent trading at 1,013 lots.

Arabica terminal closed 2½ to 11½ points lower in mixed trading of 29 lots.

**ROBUSTAS.**—May, £416.0-16.5 a metric ton; July, £406.0-07.0; Sept, £402.5-03.0; Nov, £405.5-05.0; Jan, £406.0-06.5; March, £407.0-08.0; May, £407.5-12.0. Sales: 1,013 lots, including 13 options.

**ARABICAS** were slightly easier.—April, $50.00-53.00 per 50 kilos; June, $55.00-55.50; Aug, $55.40-55.80; Oct, $56.00-6.20; Dec, $56.70-58.00; Feb, $56.70-58.00; April, $57.50-58.50. Sales: 29 lots.

**SUGAR** closed £5.00 lower to unchanged on balance. The London daily price was raised by £5.00 to £240 a long ton. May, £237.50-8.00 a long ton; Aug, £218.10-8.25; Oct, £201.50-4.75; Dec, £196.25-6.50; March, £189.25-90.00; May, £184.25-5.00; Aug, £181.00-2.00. Sales: 3,507 lots. ISA prices, 23.89c; 17-day average, 24.42c.

**SOYABEAN MEAL** futures were marked lower at the opening, reflecting the overnight close in Chicago and some following-through selling in a rather thin market saw additional losses recorded by the end of the morning.

After lunch, pre-weekend covering and some commission-house support prompted a recovery and by the close prices were around the day's "highs"—50 points below to 10 points above Thursday's close. Sales totalled 159 lots.

Aug, £69.10-70.10 a metric ton; Oct, £71.70-71.80; Dec, £72.80-73.00; Feb, £74.30-74.40; April, £75.20-75.50; June, £76.30-76.50; Aug, £76.80-77.00.

**GRAIN** (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring number two 14 per cent: May, £82.35; June, £81.55; July, £81.50 trans-shipment east coast; April, £81.85 direct shipment Tilbury. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated. *London Grain Futures Market* (Gafta).—EEC origin.—BARLEY, steady.—May, £49.40; Sept, £55.20; Nov, £56.50; Jan, £57.40; March, £59.55.—WHEAT, steady.—May, £51.20; Sept, £55.50; Nov, £57.50; Jan, £59.70; March, £61.80.—All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Soft milling WHEAT.—Gloucester, £48.75; Lincoln, £49.15.—Feeding BARLEY.—Aberdeen, £47.95; Gloucester, £49.30; Lincoln, £48.10.

## Foreign Exchange

After weakening further in thin trading yesterday morning, sterling *staged a partial rally* yesterday. Its "effective" rate had worsened from 21.9 to 22.0 per cent by noon—only a tiny margin above the weakest-ever level of 22.1 established on January 28. But it again closed finally at 21.9 per cent.

Worries over next week's Budget, and the fact that British interest rates had remained soft continued to depress the pound.

In terms of the dollar, the pound showed a *net 35-point gain* at $2.3660.

Gold fell 50 cents to $172 an ounce.

### Spot Position of Sterling

| | Market rates (day's range) April 11 | Market rates (close) April 11 |
|---|---|---|
| New York | $2.3600-3670 | $2.3650-3660 |
| Montreal | $2.3760-3870 | $2.3830-3840 |
| Amsterdam | 5.73½-79¼fl | 5.74½-75¼fl |
| Brussels | 83.20-60f | 83.50-70f |
| Copenhagen | 13.09-15k | 13.11½-12½k |
| Frankfurt | 5.62-65m | 5.63½-64½m |
| Lisbon | 58.00-60e | 58.30-50e |
| Madrid | 133.00-50p | 133.20-40p |
| Milan | 1500-04lr | 1501-03lr |
| Oslo | 11.77-80k | 11.79-80k |
| Paris | 9.99-10.03f | 9.99½-10.00½f |
| Stockholm | 9.42-46k | 9.43½-43½k |
| Tokyo | 685-73y | 687-89y |
| Vienna | 39.70-40.10sch | 39.55-40.05sch |
| Zurich | 6.03-09½f | 6.07½-08½f |

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, unchanged at 21.9 per cent.

### Forward Levels

| | 1 month | 3 months |
|---|---|---|
| New York | 1.00-90c prem | 3.00-2.90c prem |
| Montreal | 1.00-.90c prem | 3.20-3.10c prem |
| Amsterdam | 3¼-2¼c prem | 9½-8¼c prem |
| Brussels | 25-05c prem | 50-40c prem |
| Copenhagen | 2¾ore prem-1¾ore disc | 7¼-6¼ ore prem |
| Frankfurt | 4-3pf prem | 11¼-10¼pf prem |
| Lisbon | 50c prem-50c disc | 15c prem-40c disc |
| Milan | 1-4lr disc | 4-7lr disc |
| Oslo | 2-3ore disc | 2-4ore disc |
| Paris | 1c prem-1c disc | 5-2c prem |
| Stockholm | 1ore-1¾ore disc | 2 ore prem-par |
| Vienna | 20gro prem-par | 65-35gro prem |
| Zurich | 4-3c prem | 11¼-10¼c prem |

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9921-24.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¼-5¾; seven days, 5¼-5¾; one month, 5¼-5¾; three months, 6⅛-7⅛; six months, 7¼-8¼.

### Gold

Gold fixed: am, $172.50 (an ounce); pm, $171.90.

Krugerrand (per coin): $177-179 (£75-75½). Sovereigns: (old), $52½-55 (£22¼-23¼); (new), $50½-51 (£21¼-21½).

### Recent Issues

| | Closing price |
|---|---|
| Finance for Ind 13% Ln (£99½) | £95¾ |
| Kellock 10p Cnv Units | 132 |
| Lincoln Corp 13% 1980 (£99) | £51¼ |
| Mid Kent Wtr 10% Rd Pf (£50) | £101¼ |
| Mid Southern Wtr 10% 1980 (£b) | £12½-¼ |
| Southend 12% 1981 (£99½) | £44¾ |
| Sth Staffs Wtr 10% Rd Pf (£) | £10⅝-¾ |
| Sutton Wtr 10% Rd Pf 1980 (£) | £10⅝ |
| Warwickshire 12% 1980 (£99½) | £10⅛ |

| RIGHTS ISSUES | Latest date of renun | |
|---|---|---|
| Barratt Dev (60) | May 23 | 9½ |
| Beatonbuffies | May 9 | 10 |
| Bridon (35) | May 16 | 11 |
| Cons Gold Fields (157) | May 16 | 26 prem |
| EMI (20) | May 2 | 11 |
| General Mining (R32) | May 2 | 15 prem |
| Guardian Royal (120) | May 2 | 16 |
| MacPherson, D. (23) | May 16 | 6 prem |
| Midland Bank (215) | May 2 | 22 |
| Rolls-R Motors (56) | | 8½ prem |
| RTZ (125) | May 2 | 13 |
| Sutcliffe Sped (35) | May 16 | 4½ |
| Steetley (90) | May 22 | 8 prem |
| Tube Invs (190) | | 27 prem |
| Uniq (29) | May 9 | |

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. d £40 paid.

## Discount market

Credit conditions remained very *comfortable* in Lombard Street yesterday and discount houses were able to rule their books off at the end of the day without intervention by the Bank of England.

*Early balances were being* picked up in the band of 6¼ to 6 per cent. But the afternoon became very patchy before final balances were taken at a higher rate of up to 8 per cent.

The main influence on trading was an excess of Government disbursements over revenue transfers to the Exchequer.

### Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10¼%
(Last changed 21/3/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½-10¾%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend, Open 5½ Close 6
Week Fixed: 7¼-8

| Treasury Bills (Dis %) Buying | | Selling | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 9⅝ | 2 months | 9⅛ |
| 3 months | 9⅝ | 3 months | 9⅛ |

| Prime Bank Bills (Dis %) | | Trades (Dis %) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 9⅝-9¾ | 3 months | 11 |
| 3 months | 9⅝-9⅞ | 4 months | 11¼ |
| 4 months | 9⅝-9¾ | 6 months | 11½ |
| 6 months | 9⅞-9⅞ | | |

| Local Authority Bonds | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 10½-10 | 7 months | 11-10½ |
| 2 months | 10½-10 | 8 months | 11-10½ |
| 3 months | 10½-10 | 9 months | 11-10½ |
| 4 months | 10½-10 | 10 months | 11-10½ |
| 5 months | 10½-10 | 11 months | 11-10½ |
| 6 months | 10½-10 | 12 months | 11-10½ |

| Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 9⅝-9½ | 6 months | 10⅛-10⅛ |
| 3 months | 9⅝-9½ | 12 months | 10⅜-10¼ |

| Local Authority Market (%) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 days | 7½-8 | 3 months | 9½ |
| 7 days | 8½ | 6 months | 9¾ |
| 1 month | 9 | 1 year | 11¼-11½ |

| Interbank Market (%) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Weekend, Open 6½ | | Close 6 | |
| 1 week | 7½ | 6 months | 10⅛ |
| 1 month | 9¼-9 | 9 months | 10⅞ |
| 3 months | 9⅝-9½ | 12 months | 10½-10⅝ |

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 10 | 6 months 10¼

Finance House Base Rate 11%

| Treasury Bill Tender | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Applications | £324m | allotted | £150m |
| Bids at | £97.65 | received | 5% |
| Last week | £97.675 | received | 69% |
| Average rate | £9.2545% | last week | £9.2753% |
| Next week | £200m | replace | £60m |

## Bank Base Rates

| | |
|---|---|
| Barclays Bank .. | 10½% |
| C. Hoare & Co .. | *10½% |
| Lloyds Bank .... | 10½% |
| Midland Bank .. | 10½% |
| Nat Westminster | 10½% |
| Shenley Trust .. | 12% |
| 20th Century Bank | 11½% |
| Williams & Glyn's | 10½% |

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 7½%, up to £25,000 7¾%, over £25,000 8¼%.

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| 1974-75 High | Low | Company | Last Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div (p) | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 35 | Armitage & Rhodes | 43 | +1 | 3.0 | 7.0 | 4.8 |
| 117 | 90 | Henry Sykes | 119 | +2 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 7.6 |
| 61 | 29 | Twinlock Ord | 33 | — | 0.8 | 2.6 | 7.7 |
| 60 | 45 | Twinlock 12% ULS | 60 | — | 12.0 | 20.0 | — |

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| | 1974 £ | 1973 £ |
|---|---|---|
| TURNOVER | | |
| Investment | 3,742,710 | 3,353,490 |
| Trading | 2,406,442 | 1,932,435 |
| PROFIT after taxation and minority interests (UK tax rate 52%—1973 49%) | 600,837 | 724,503 |
| EARNINGS per 20p Ordinary Share | 2.55p | 3.09p |
| ORDINARY DIVIDEND per share for the year (maximum permitted) | 2.077p | 1.8845p |
| | £ | £ |
| COST OF ORDINARY DIVIDENDS | 478,617 | 434,258 |
| UNDISTRIBUTED PROFITS carried forward | 804,654 | 708,333 |
| FIXED ASSETS | 43,190,903 | 41,273,523 |

(valued 1971 with later additions at cost. An up-to-date valuation of the Group's completed properties as investments would yield an estimated surplus of £15 million over their book values.)

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**INTERIM STATEMENT**

**Delta Investment Company Limited**

Interim Statement

(Unaudited)

*Net deficit for six months* period ending 28th January: 1975 Bahamian Dollars 12,863 (Bahamian Dollars 10,374 deficit). Investments as at 28th January, 1975: Bahamian Dollars 1,169,933 equivalent to Bahamian Dollars 0.79 per share. (Investments as at 29th January 1974: Bahamian Dollars 2,334,342, equivalent to Bahamian Dollars 1.52 per share.)

## Issues & Loans

### Winterthur is raising $30m convertible

The board of Winterthur-Unfall plans to raise its share capital from 48m francs to 60m francs and to issue a $30m (£12.7m) convertible loan. The group reports a profit for 1974 of 37.7m francs, compared with 33.1m francs, while the dividend is 30 francs (same) plus a 15 franc centenary bonus.—Reuter.

### GKN borrowings stand at £203m

Details of the proposed rights issue by Guest Keen Nettlefolds are released, and contain background information. The company and subsidiaries had outstanding borrowing at March 15 of £203m, of which £55m was secured on assets of subsidiaries. Some £103m represented unsecured short-term loans, bank overdrafts and short-term bank advances.

Mr Barrie Heath, the chairman, *says that whilst the* borrowing limits are ample for current requirements, the board feels that a rights issue would make for a better balance in the group's capital structure and provide a base for future expansion.

### Miles Overseas offer

The international underwriting group headed by Credit Suisse White Weld, Crédit Lyonnais, Commerzbank, Aktiengesellschaft and Kredit Bank SA Luxembourgeoise has completed the offering of US$20m 9¾ per cent guaranteed notes, 1980 of Miles Overseas Capital NV. The issue price was *fixed at 100 per cent. Application* has been made to list the notes on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

*The notes* have not been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and may not be offered or sold in the United States.

SOUTH KOREAN LOAN

ECGD has granted a £3m loan to help finance for a sewage treatment plant in South Korea. Loan arranged by Brandts acting for Lloyds.

### Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

| $ STRAIGHTS | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| AIDC 10¼ 1981 | 102 | 103 |
| Airlease 8¾ 1988 | 85 | 89 |
| Ashland 8 1987 | 89 | 90 |
| BICC 7¾ 1987 | 68 | 72 |
| Bristol 8¼ 1979 | 91½ | 93½ |
| British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989 | 86 | 89 |
| Burlington 7¾ 1987 | 83 | 89 |
| Carrier 8 1987 | 88½ | 89½ |
| Chevron 7 1980 | 97½ | 99 |
| Conoco 7 1980 | 96½ | 98 |
| Conoco 8 1986 | 92½ | 93½ |
| Cons Food 7¾ 1991 | 83 | 84 |
| Coventry 8¼ 1981 | 93 | 95 |
| Coventry 8¼ 1980 | 90 | 92 |
| Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988 | 90½ | 91½ |
| Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981 | 101½ | 102½ |
| Cutler Hammer 8 1987 | 89½ | 90½ |
| Dana 8 1987 | 88½ | 89½ |
| Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990 | 83½ | 84½ |
| Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991 | 79½ | 80½ |
| Dundee 9¼ 1985 | 93 | 95 |
| Escom 9¼ 1989 | 89 | 91 |
| Escom Floating Rate 1982 | 96 | 97 |
| First Chicago 7 1980 | 93½ | 94½ |
| First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984 | 78 | 82 |
| GATX 8¼ 1987 | 87½ | 88½ |
| Guardian Royal 8 1987 | 76 | 79 |
| Hambros 7¾ 1987 | 76 | 77 |
| ICI 7¾ 1992 | 78 | 82 |
| International Util 8¾ 1982 | 94 | 95 |
| Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988 | 76 | 79 |
| Manchester 8¾ 1981 | 87 | 89 |
| Mexico 8¾ 1991 | 84 | 87 |
| Michelin 7¾ 1988 | 83 | 84 |
| Mitsubishi 9 1989 | 93 | 95 |
| Motorola 8 1987 | 90½ | 91½ |
| Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987 | 77 | 80 |
| National Coal Board 8¾ 1988 | 86 | 87 |
| Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980 | 101½ | 102½ |
| NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987 | 86 | 87 |
| Occidental 7¾ 1984 | 79 | 81 |
| Pacific Lighting 8 1988 | 90 | 91 |
| Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981 | 101½ | 102½ |
| Pennwalt 8 1987 | 88½ | 89½ |
| Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987 | 88½ | 89½ |
| Scanraff 7¾ 1990 | 85½ | 86½ |
| Scanraff 8¾ 1988 | 90½ | 91½ |
| Shell 7¾ 1987 | 89½ | 90½ |
| Singer 11 1977 | 100½ | 101½ |
| Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981 | 101½ | 102½ |
| Slough 8 1988 | 62 | 65 |
| South Africa 8 1987 | 81 | 85 |
| Standard Oil 8¼ 1980 | 99½ | 100½ |
| Standard Oil 8¾ 1988 | 96½ | 97½ |
| Standard Oil 8¾ 1988 | 97 | 98 |
| Sybron 8 1987 | 89 | 90 |
| Tenneco 7¾ 1987 | 82 | 85 |
| Textron 7¾ 1987 | 82 | 85 |
| Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987 | 59 | 60 |
| Transocean Gulf 7 1980 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Union Oil 7¾ 1987 | 87 | 90 |
| Venezuela 8¾ 1987 | 93 | 95 |
| Volvo 8 1987 | 88 | 89 |
| Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987 | 82 | 86 |
| **DM BONDS** | | |
| APEL (DM) 10 1981 | 104 | 105 |
| Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/85 | 80½ | 81½ |
| Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84 | 80 | 81 |
| Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1980 | 100½ | 101½ |
| Escom (DM) 7 1973 88 | 73½ | 76½ |
| Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972 87 | 87 | 88 |
| ICI (DM) 8 1971/86 | 91 | 92 |
| Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 6¾ 1980 | 103 | 104 |
| Nat West (DM) 8 1989 | 97½ | 98½ |
| New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1983 | 104 | 105 |
| Sudafrica (DM) 8¼ 1970/85 | 93 | 95 |
| Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988 | 87½ | 88½ |
| **$ CONVERTIBLES** | | |
| AMF 5 1987 | 61 | 63 |
| American Express 4¼ 1987 | 78 | 80 |
| Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992 | 84 | 86 |
| Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991 | 101 | 103 |
| Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1995 | 91 | 93 |
| Borden 5 1992 | 87 | 89 |
| Borden 6¼ 1991 | 98 | 100 |
| Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987 | 68 | 70 |
| Carnation 4 1987 | 83 | 85 |
| Chevron 5 1992 | 86 | 88 |
| Cummins 6¾ 1986 | 81 | 83 |
| Dart 4¾ 1987 | 74 | 76 |
| Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988 | 106 | 108 |
| Economic Labs 4¾ 1987 | 85 | 87 |
| Eaton 5 1987 | 72 | 74 |
| Ford 5 1988 | 69 | 71 |
| Ford 6 1986 | 80 | 82 |
| Gillette 4¾ 1987 | 76 | 78 |
| Gould 5 1987 | 73 | 75 |
| General Electric 4¼ 1987 | 84 | 86 |
| Halliburton 4¾ 1987 | 109 | 111 |
| Harris 5 1987 | 66 | 68 |
| Honeywell 6 1986 | 71 | 76 |
| ITT 4½ 1987 | 69 | 71 |
| J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987 | 112 | 111 |
| JP Morgan 4¼ 1987 | 112 | 114 |
| Nabisco 5¾ 1988 | 88 | 90 |
| Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987 | 81 | 83 |
| JC Penney 4¾ 1987 | 80 | 82 |
| Revlon 4¾ 1987 | 97 | 99 |
| Rank Org 4¾ 1993 | 46 | 48 |
| Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988 | 82 | 84 |
| Squibb 4¼ 1987 | 84 | 86 |
| Texaco 4¾ 1988 | 69 | 71 |
| Union Carbide 4¾ 1982 | 104 | 106 |
| Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987 | 89 | 91 |
| Xerox Corp 5 1988 | 70 | 72 |

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

## Wall Street

New York, April 11.—The New York stock market took most of today to digest gains of the previous two sessions, then in the final hour moved higher in a flurry of trading.

The *Dow Jones industrial* average rose 8.21 points to 789.50, with the index having been down in the early afternoon after small gains in the morning. Advancing issues at the close led decliners by about an eight-to-five ratio.

Volume totalled 20,160,000 shares compared with 24,990,000 yesterday. Today's trading was *sluggish* most of the day, then began to pick up in late trading.

Brokers said the day was largely one of consolidation with profit taking after the two days of runups on Wednesday and Thursday, when the Dow index climbed a total of 32.07 points.

*Helping to cool the pace* at the outset, some analysts said, was an easing of the bond market which had rallied the previous two days.

IBM fell 3¼ points to 205. The stock also fell yesterday after the company announced first quarter net of $2.95 a share vs $2.94. The company said about 1,900 employees had accepted its early retirement bonus offer.

Airline issues were mostly lower. A report by the Dow Jones News Service and the *Wall Street Journal said the rush by airlines* to drop frills and discount some of their fares is increasing concern of Wall Street analysts over the industry's outlook.

*American Airlines dropped* ⅜ to 8¼, TWA ¼ to 10, Eastern Airlines ⅛ to 5⅞, Pan Am ¼ to 4, United Airlines ¼ to 20 and National Airlines ⅜ to 11.

### Gold closes $1.50 down

New York, April 11.—**GOLD** futures *closed lower in very quiet trading*. The New York Comex fell 20 to 40 cents while the Chicago IMM ended 50 cents to $1.50 lower. NEW YORK, Comex April, $171.50; May, $172.20; June, $172.70; Aug, $174.50; Oct, $177.10; Dec, $179.30; Feb, $181.50; *April, $183.70; June, $185.90; Aug,* $188.10. CHICAGO IMM.—April, $172.00 nominal; June, $172.50-173.10; Sept, $175.60; Dec, $178.70-178.90; March, $182.40; June, $186.50; Sept, $193.00 nominal.

**SILVER.**—Comex Silver closed an *overall featureless session 3.50 to 2.30* cents down for the day. Volume was 5,432 lots. April, 412.60c; May, 413.00c; June, 416.90c; July, 419.80c; Sept, 425.60c; Dec, 434.00c; Jan, 436.70c; March, 442.40c; May, 448.10c; July, 453.70c. Handy and Harman $411 (previous $414). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $4.148 (previous Can $4.175).

**COPPER.**—Futures closed steady between 80 and 110 points up on 2,017 lots. April, 57.30c; May, 57.50c; June, 57.80c; July, 58.40c; Sept, 59.70c; Dec, 61.30c; Jan, 61.80c; March, 62.90c; May, 64.00c.

**COTTON.**—Futures closed down about 0.30 cent on scattered selling by the trade. May, 42.41-45c; July, 43.40-44c; Oct, 45.04c; Dec, 45.88-95c; March, 46.75-80c; May, 47.30-40c; *July, 47.90-80c.*

**SUGAR.**—World sugar futures in No. 11 contract closed steady 0.05 to 0.55 cents higher. The forward months showed the largest gain today. May, 24.30-40c; July, 22.90-3.00c; Sept, 21.50-50c; Oct, 20.70c; Jan, 18.25c *nominal*; March, 18.75-80c; May, 18.00c; July, 17.35c; Sept, 16.75c nominal. Spot 24.25c, unchanged.

**COCOA.**—Futures closed 1.11 to 0.31 cent lower on volume of 1,531 lots. May, 58.10c; July, 53.95c; Sept, 55.00c; Dec, 54.00c; March, 53.15c; *May, 52.80c nominal; July, 52.50c.* Spots Ghana 73¼c, Bahia 63.

**COFFEE.**—Futures in "C" contract made a good-come back in the late afternoon, aided by weekend evening-up and short covering. May, 46.50-8.25c; July, 47.75-8.05c; Sept, 49.35-50c; Nov, 50.25-0.50c; Dec, 50.50-0.60c; March, 50.85-1.15c.

**WOOL.**—Futures and crossbred futures were tradeless today. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 65.0c nominal; May, 70.0-5.0c; July, 73.0-80.0c; Oct, 73.0c bid; Dec, 73.0c bid; March, 74.0c bid; May, 74.0c bid; July, 76.0c bid.

**CHICAGO SOYABEANS.**—Oil futures closed 0.37 to 0.13 cents a pound lower after exporter selling in nearbys estimated at 400 contracts or more. Meal gained $2.1 a ton helped by firmer *foreign markets*. SOYABEANS.—May, 575-71c; July, 575-72c; Aug, 575c; Sept, 565c; Nov, 564-65c; Jan, 568c; March, 577c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $128.00-8.50; July, $132.00; Aug, $134.50; Sept, $137.00-8.00; Oct, $139.00-14.00; Dec, $142.00; Jan, $143.00-4.50; March, $[illegible]. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 25.55-45c; July, 25.30-15c; Aug, 24.40c; Sept, 23.70-80c; Oct, 23.00-22.90c; Dec, 22.00-10c; Jan, 21.65c; March, 21.05-10c.

**CHICAGO GRAINS.**—WHEAT closed easier 3¼ to ⅛ cent lower. May, 350-[illegible]c; July, 348-347½c; Sept, [illegible]; Dec, 361½-361c; March, [illegible]. MAIZE closed easier ¾ to ⅛ cent lower. May, 334-284½c; July, [illegible]; Sept, 270-276½c; Dec, [illegible]; March, 267-267½c; May, 271. OATS closed steady ⅛ higher to ½ cent lower. May, 165½c; July, 144c; Sept, 141c; Dec, 144c.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3650 ($2.3560); three months, $2.3345 ($2.3287); Canadian dollar, 99.30c (99.03c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was down 1.11 to 303.78. The futures index was down 8.27 to 279.95.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 789.50 (781.29); transportation, 164.30 (163.48); utilities, 75.58 (75.54); 65 stocks, 243.50 (241.64). New York Stock Exchange index: 44.61 (44.48); industrials, 49.[illegible] (49.15); transportation, 31.[illegible] (31.[illegible]); utilities, 30.06 (30.17); financial, 47.02 (46.82).

| | Apr 11 | Apr 10 |
|---|---|---|
| [Wall Street closing prices, Apr 11 and Apr 10, from Allied Chem. to Zenith] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

### Canadian Prices

| | Apr 10 | Apr 9 |
|---|---|---|
| [Canadian closing prices, from Abitibi to W.C.T.] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

## Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

| 1974/75 High Bid | Low Offer | Trust | Bid | Offer | Yield |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

* Ex dividend. ° Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) April 23. (9) April 22. (10) April 30. (14) May. (15) April 23. (18) April 15. (18) May 13. (19) April 24. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 10.00.75 share date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1964:—

| | Index No. | Div. Yield | Earnings Yield | Index No. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Latest | % | % | Previous |
| The Times Industrial Share Index | 288.76 | 5.65 | 15.82 | 119.46 |
| Largest Cos. | 118.34 | 7.51 | 16.62 | 118.12 |
| Smaller Cos. | 129.39 | 8.09 | 15.65 | 128.88 |
| Capital Goods | 123.63 | 7.85 | 16.51 | 122.80 |
| Consumer Goods | 138.01 | 7.47 | 14.27 | 139.04 |
| Store Shares | 140.02 | 8.30 | 8.92 | 119.17 |
| Largest financial shares | 153.11 | 6.13 | — | 157.53 |
| Largest financial and industrial shares | 135.35 | 7.25 | — | 136.72 |
| Commodity shares | 188.66 | 4.50 | 36.53 | 187.09 |
| Gold Mining shares | 576.59 | 5.76 | 5.89 | 576.16 |
| Industrial debenture stocks | 15.87 | 8.87 | — | 17.07 |
| Industrial preference stocks | 49.73 | 14.17 | — | 52.06 |
| 3½% War Loan | 35 | 14.17 | — | 35 |

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

| | High | Low |
|---|---|---|
| All-time | 288.47 (15.05.72) | 60.18 (12.12.74) |
| 1975 | 128.69 (06.03.75) | 61.42 (28.01.75) |
| 1974 | 136.18 (29.05.74) | 60.18 (12.12.74) |
| 1973 | 199.75 (12.01.73) | 120.99 (14.12.73) |
| 1972 | 153.37 (15.08.72) | 124.48 (04.01.72) |
| 1971 | 127.77 (31.12.71) | 102.03 (01.03.71) |
| 1970 | 142.78 (14.01.70) | 110.75 (26.05.70) |

a Adjusted for Tax changes. b Ex dividend. c Ex all. d Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. f Dividend passed. F Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield include a special payment. h Dual low company. K Pre-merger figures. k Forecast earnings. m Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or scrip split. t Tax free. y Price adj for late dealings. . . . No significant data.

# Postal and Weekend Shopping



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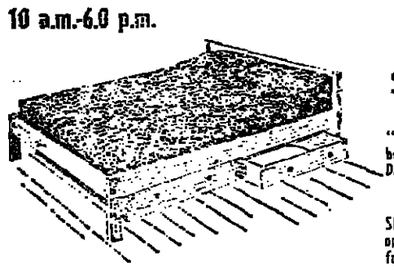
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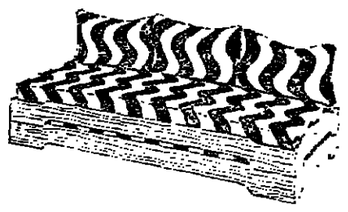
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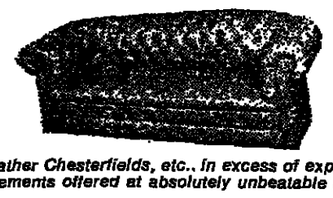
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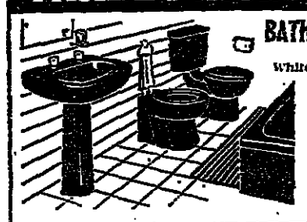
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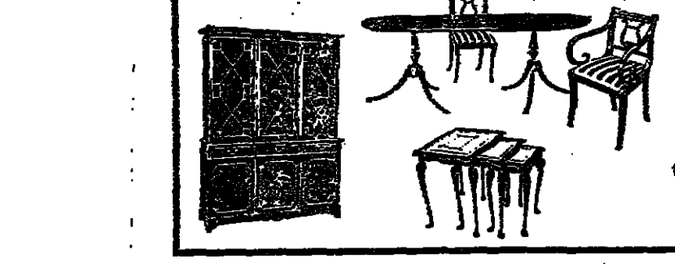
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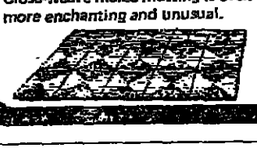


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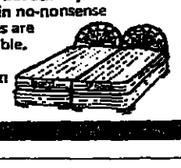
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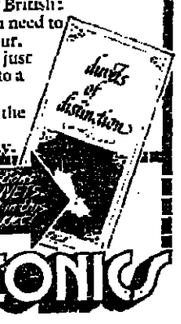
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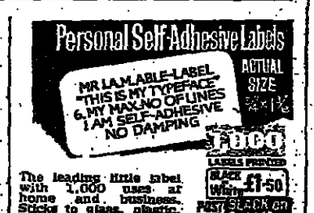



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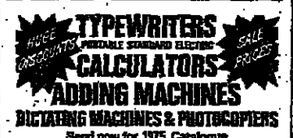
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No. 00778 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr. Registrar Dearman. In the Matter of THE ORION INSURANCE COMPANY Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that by an order dated 9th April 1975 made in the above matters the Court has directed a meeting of the holders of the Ordinary Shares of the above named The Orion Insurance Company Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") other than those beneficially owned by N. V. The Netherlands Insurance Company for the purpose of considering and if thought fit approving (with or without modification) a SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of its said Shares (other than aforesaid) and that such meeting will be held at 70/72 King William Street, London EC4N 7HR on Monday, the 5th day of May 1975, at 12 noon at which place and time the aforesaid Shareholders are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the said Meeting can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of Proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 207 of the above mentioned Act at the registered office of the Company at 70/72 King William Street, London EC4N 7HR, or at the offices of the undermentioned Solicitors of the Company at 29 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7BU, during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meeting.

THE SAID SHAREHOLDERS MAY VOTE IN PERSON AT THE SAID MEETING OR THEY MAY APPOINT ANOTHER PERSON, WHETHER A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY OR NOT AS THEIR PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE IN THEIR STEAD.

In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members in respect of the joint holding.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with the Secretary at the registered office of the Company at 70/72 King William Street, London EC4N 7HR not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meeting, but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting.

By the said Order the Court has appointed Lewis John Bull or failing him Sir Robert Erskine Hill, Bart., or failing him, Joseph Lesser to act as Chairman of the said Meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the result thereof to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated the 9th day of April 1975.

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In the Matter of the estate of ANDREW MONTAGU deceased. In the Matter of the Trustees of the will and the codicil of Andrew Montagu deceased.

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 notice is hereby given that all CREDITORS and others having any CLAIMS AGAINST or claiming to be beneficially interested in the estate of Andrew Montagu late of Ingmanthorpe Hall Wetherby in the County of York who died on the eighth day of October 1965 and whose Will was proved in the Principal Probate Registry on the sixth day of December 1965 by George Denison Faber the sole Executor therein named and not having any CLAIMS AGAINST Arthur James Robert Collins and John Thompson Trenaman Grimsdale the Trustees of the Will and Codicil or under the Trusts thereof are hereby required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned solicitors on or before 6th day of June 1975 after which date the said Trustees will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall have had notice and shall not be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands they shall then not have had notice.

Dated this 13th day of April 1975.

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Re: ALLEN JOHN WRIGHT deceased. Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925

Notice is hereby given that persons having claims against or interest in the Estate of ALLEN JOHN WRIGHT late of 5 PRINCE EDWARD MANSIONS, HEREFORD ROAD, LONDON, W.2., formerly of 79 Lancaster Gate, London W. SHIPPING BROKER (RETIRED) who died on the 10th December 1974 are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned, the Administrators of the Will of the deceased on or before 16th June 1975 after which date the Administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased having regard only to claims and interest of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1975.

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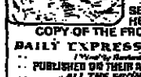
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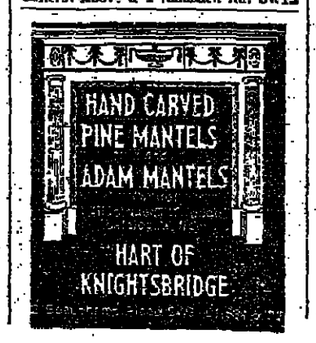
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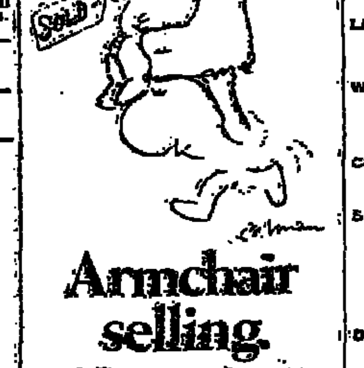
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BANKS.—On April 2nd to Hilary (nee Pratt) and Simon—a son (Dickon Josiah Gerwin).

BARNE.—On April 9th in New York to Norma and Miles—a son.

COMPTON.—On February 25th, to Brenda and Michael—a splendid son (Tristan Michael).

FRANCIS.—On 9th April, to Caroline (nee Mayo) and Robert—a son (Duncan Robert), a brother for Amy.

LAMPSON.—On 11th April, at King George V Hospital, Camperdown, Sydney, to Melita and Victor—a daughter.

SKINNER.—On April 8th at St. Teresa's Hospital, to Elizabeth (nee Ruddy) and Ian—a son (Dominic Jean-Paul), a brother for Oliver.

TREGONING.—On 11th April, to Georgina (nee Dixon) and Richard—a daughter (Emily).

YPRES.—On 11th April, at The Westminster Hospital, to Deborah, wife of The Earl of Ypres—a daughter.

### ADOPTION

STANGER.—By Keith and Susan, on April 9th, 1975—a son (Edward Alexander), a brother for Julian Patrick.

## MARRIAGES

ELLISTON : MATTHEWS.—On April 5th, at St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith, Thomas Elliston, of Richmond, Surrey, to Dorothy Matthews, of Birmingham.

LOUP : SMITH.—On 4th April, 1975, privately in London, Michael Loup to Mary Smith.

STICKINGS : ROSEMANN.—On Friday, April 4th, 1975, in Hannover, West Germany, Mark William, younger son of the late Dr C. Ewart Stickings and Mrs Agnes Stickings, of Orpington, Kent, to Heide, younger daughter of Herr and Frau Otto Rösemann, of Hannover.

## DEATHS

ANSTRUTHER.—On 10th April, 1975, at Sunnyside, Elie, Fife, Gertrude Mary Anstruther, M.A., aged 75 years (former headmistress of St James's School, West Malvern), youngest daughter of the late Sir Ralph W. Anstruther, Baronet of Balcaskie and the late Lady Anstruther. Funeral at Balcaskie on Monday, 21st April at 3 p.m. Memorial Service at West Malvern, on a date to be notified later.

BAILLIE.—On 10th April, 1975, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, Muriel Hope Baillie of 15 The Court, Buryfields, Guildford. Daughter of the late Col. William and Mrs Baillie (Ramsgate). 50 years Sacristan of St. Nicolas, Guildford. Funeral arrangements all at St. Nicolas, Guildford. Monday, 14th April, 4.30 p.m., vespers, 8 p.m. solemn requiem and absolutions. On Tuesday, 15th April, 11.30 a.m. Funeral office followed by burial at The Mount Cemetery, Guildford. No flowers. Donations to St. Nicolas's Church-yard Fund. "Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. Alleluia."

BULKELEY-JOHNSON, SIRIOL.—On April 10th, 1975, at 25 Thurloe Court, S.W.3. Funeral private.

BURGES.—On April 7th, 1975, suddenly, while enjoying a holiday in Majorca, Cyril Travers Burges, M.A., son of Archdeacon and Mrs. E. T. Burges of Natal, and beloved husband of Betty (nee Hanson), of 1 Gresham Road, Staines. Founder headmaster of Staines Preparatory School. Funeral private.

## DEATHS

COLE.—On April 10th, 1975, peacefully, after a long illness, Nancy (Bobbie), widow of F. N. Cole, O.B.E., L.C.S., retired, and formerly of Mayfield. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday, April 16th at 12 noon. Cut flowers only may be sent to R. W. Weekes Ltd., Tunbridge Wells.

ETOH.—On April 10th, 1975 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, as a result of a motor accident, Hajime, General Manager of Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, London office. A memorial service will be held in London next week. Details later.

EVANS (HOWARD).—On April 10th, 1975, Violet Isabella (nee Grant), of Rathconrath House, Mullingar, Ireland, widow of Major D. H. Evans, Queen's Bays. Dearly beloved and deeply mourned mother of Sheila, and Jackie, and the late Irene. Funeral to Kilbixy Church today, Saturday, for service at 3 o'clock, then to Rathconrath for burial.

HAMILTON-LEACH. — On 10th April, 1975, Lois Margaret, of 57 Courtenay Place, Lymington, mother of Susan and daughter of Maurice Henry, and the late Ethel Lois Pugh. Please, no letters. Donations if desired to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Dept. T2 P.O. Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX. Funeral service at Boldre Church, nr. Lymington, on Tuesday, 15th April at 12.00.

HOPE JOHNSTON.—On April 11th, 1975, peacefully in her sleep, Jean Valentine, aged 83 years, of Jesmond, Stoke Abbott, Beaminster, Dorset. Widow of Douglas Hope Johnston.

KELLY.—On Thursday, April 10th, 1975, John Corlett, at St George's Nursing Home, Ferndown, Dorset, until recently of "Woodpeckers", Rangersley, Ringwood, Hants, and late of Colombo, Ceylon, husband of the late Clara Edythe Marjorie. Cremation 3.45 p.m., Wednesday, April 16th, at Bournemouth Crematorium. No letters, no flowers, please. Enquiries to Barrow Bros., Funeral Directors, 2 Nursery Road, Ringwood, Hants. Phone Ringwood 2104.

LANDER.—On Wednesday, April 9th, in hospital, Rachel Stuart Lander, B.A., of 31 High St., Merstham, and formerly of Heene Rd., Worthing. Beloved mother of William, Tim and Charlotte, and greatly loved grandmother, aged 69 years. Service at St Katharine's Church, Merstham, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16th, followed by private cremation.

LOSEBY.—On April 11th, 1975, peacefully, in a nursing home at Brighton, Gladys Loseby, beloved life-long friend of Dorothy Wakeling. Service at Hove Cemetery Chapel, Old Shoreham Road, Hove, on Wednesday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Enquiries to Hanningtons. Phone Brighton 778755.

LYLE.—On April 9, peacefully, at Worthing, Irene Violet (nee Alabaster), widow of James Duncan Lyle, aged 84. Private cremation on Tuesday, April 15.

MACLAREN.—On April 11th, 1975, in the Middlesex Hospital, London, after 4 days illness, Andrew, Politician, economist, artist. "Quit you like men." Enquiries to 01-639 6415.

McNAIR.—On April 11th, 1975, at St Olave's Hospital, Rotherhithe, Dr Dorothy McNair, M.D., F.F.A., after a short illness. Funeral service at Dulwich College Chapel at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15th, followed by cremation at Honor Oak, 2.40 p.m.

MICKLEM.—On 10th April, peacefully at home, "Stantons", Meadway, Berkhamsted, Eleanor, aged 84 years, beloved wife and mother. Funeral service at Potten End Church, on Tuesday, 15th April, at 12 noon. Enquiries to Berkhamsted 5724.

RENTON, EDWARD WESTLAND.—On 10th April, peacefully, at home after a long illness, borne with great courage. Cremation privately, 10 a.m., Tuesday, 15th April, Putney Vale.

SIMPSON.—On Wednesday, April 9th, 1975, Robert Michael, peacefully, aged 45 years, beloved husband of Jessie of Alveston Old House, Alveston, nr Bristol. Funeral service at Canford Crematorium, on Tuesday, April 15th at 2.40 p.m. No flowers by request, but donations may be sent to The Brain Research Trust, 17 & 19 Queens Square, London, WC1N 3AY.

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WYLIE.—On April 10th, 1975, Daisy Franciska of Seabrook, Minsterley, at Cliffdale Nursing Home, Pontesbury. Funeral service, at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, on Wednesday, April 16th at 2 p.m. No flowers, but if desired donations to Blue Cross Society, please.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOLME.—A memorial service for Paul Arthur Thomas Holme, late Headmaster of Horris Hill and formerly Headmaster of King's Mead, will be held in Winchester College Chantry Chapel on Saturday, April 19, at 12 noon.

PEARSON, Margaret Theodosia, previously Turner nee Scott. Memorial Meeting on Saturday, May 3rd, at 3 p.m. in the Meeting House, Quakers Lane, Isleworth, Middx.

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RUSSELL, DAVID RUSSELL, died April 12th, 1968. In memory of dearest David, beloved husband of Marjorie and father of David. Forever in our hearts.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

ARMITAGE.—Mrs Ralph Armitage of Glararies thanks on behalf of herself, her family and grandchildren all those who sent her such wonderful letters of appreciation, sympathy and understanding on the death of her husband, Major Ralph Armitage on 26th December 1974, and of their youngest son Philip on 13th February 1975. Her own ill-health prevents her answering personally.

BESWICK.—Mrs. F. J. Beswick and family wish to thank sincerely all friends, relatives and business colleagues for most kind thoughts and condolences which have been of comfort following their sad bereavement. Mrs. Beswick and family wish further to express thanks for generous contributions towards the Cancer Research Fund.—"Braeholme", 6 Highwood Road, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire.

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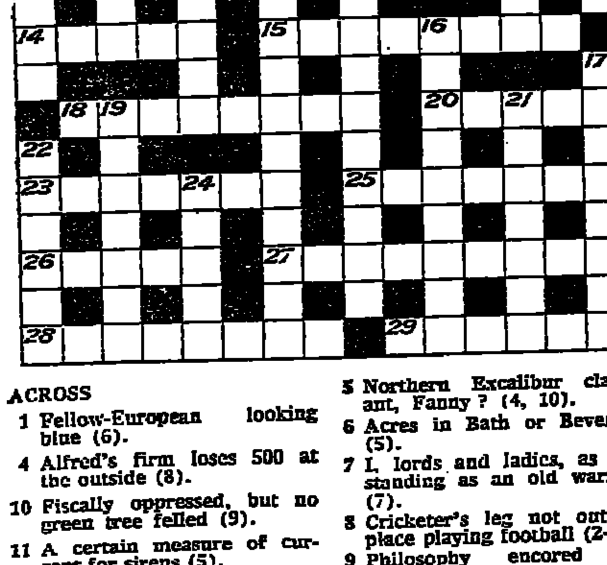
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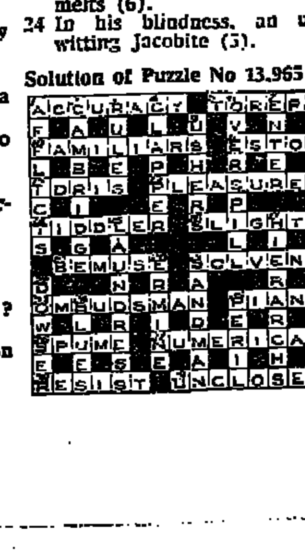
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1 Fellow-European looking blue (6).
4 Alfred's firm loses 500 at the outside (8).
10 Fiscally oppressed, but no green tree felled (9).
11 A certain measure of current for sirens (5).
12 Pontoon poet ? (7).
13 Namely one equipped to receive current, middling low frequency (7).
14 Norah renamed in the Case of the Diamond Necklace (5).
15 Germany boasts one mug of genius (8).
18 One set has gone in before for a drink (8).
20 A fiery Red on the way out ? (5).
22 Ecclesiastical fishpond (7).
25 Port where I leave Asia after two medical men (7).
26 Novice causes Chelsea to lose two points (5).
27 How to make a shiner (9).
28 Traces of pets' beauty parlour in the crypt ? (8).
29 Is shaky in music (6).

DOWN

1 For drinks at the Cock ? Prize affairs (8).
2 A spot short of perfection (7).
3 Courtly adversaries (9).
5 Northern Excalibur claimant, Fanny ? (4, 10).
6 Acres in Bath or Beverley (5).
7 L lords and ladies, as upstanding as an old warrior (7).
8 Cricketer's leg not out of place playing football (2-4).
9 Philosophy encored by Isis ? (14).
16 Robespierre failed to sweat it out (9).
17 Vat lot of use they are ! (8).
19 There's starting to be an arising aroma (7).
21 Shakespeare misrepresented cobbler's tool as a carpenter's (7).
22 Remedy when the icecap melts (6).
24 In his blindness, an unwitting Jacobite (5).

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